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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF

# BOSTON.

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IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 8, 1883.

The meeting for the organization of the Board of School Committee for this municipal year was held by order of His Honor the Mayor, in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, on Monday, Jan. 8, 1883, being the second Monday in said month, at seven and one-half o'clock P.M.

Hon. Albert Palmer, President of the Board, in the chair.

Present: all the members.

At the request of the President, prayer was offered by Rev. Raphael Lasker. Prayer.

The following members of the Board of last year continue in office, having unexpired terms: — Members with unexpired terms.

Messrs. Blake, Chapin, Crowley, Cutter, Davis, Elliott, Flint, Gaffield, Gallagher, Moran, Miss Peabody, Perkins, Plummer, Porter, and Rust.

The Chair read the following communication: —

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, Dec. 27, 1882. Communication from City Clerk

PHINEAS BATES, Jr., Esq., *Secretary of School Committee:* —

*Sir,* — This is to certify that it appears by the returns of the votes cast in the several wards of this city, on the 12th instant, that the following persons, having a plurality of votes, have been duly elected as members of the School Committee for the terms recited below: —

*For three years.* — George M. Hobbs, William C. Williamson, Henry F. Naphen, George B. Hyde, Edwin H. Darling, James A. Fleming, Thomas F. Doherty, Raphael Lasker.

*For two years.* — Emily A. Fifield.

Attest:

S. F. McCLEARY,
*City Clerk.*

Placed on file.

Certificates of members-elect.

On motion of Mr. Moran, a committee of three was appointed to collect the certificates of members-elect.

The Chair appointed as that committee Messrs. Crowley, Moran, and Williamson, who, after attending to their duties, reported that credentials had been received from the nine newly elected members.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the credentials placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, it was

Rules and Regulations adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Rules of the School Committee and the Regulations of the public schools of the last year be adopted for the present year, and that the instructors of all the schools be continued in office, until otherwise ordered.

Election of Vice-President.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, the Board proceeded to an informal ballot for Vice-President, and Messrs. Flint, Rust, and Hobbs were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes. They reported the whole number of votes to be 22. There were 2 blanks; George M. Hobbs had 9 votes, and Charles L. Flint had 13 votes.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, the ballot was declared formal, and Mr. Flint was accordingly elected Vice President.

Election of Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the Board proceeded to the choice of a Secretary; and the same committee was appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 24; necessary for a choice, 13. Phineas Bates, Jr., had 24, and was accordingly declared elected.

Election of Auditing Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the Board proceeded to the choice of an Auditing Clerk; and the same committee was appointed to receive, sort, and count the

votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 24; necessary for a choice, 13. William J. Porter had 24, and was accordingly declared elected.

Election of Messenger.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the Board proceeded to the choice of a Messenger, and the same committee was appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 24; necessary for a choice, 13. Alvah H. Peters had 24, and was accordingly declared elected.

Election of Treasurer of Corporation.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the Board proceeded to the choice of a Treasurer of the Corporation; and the same committee was appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 23; necessary for a choice, 12. Abram E. Cutter had 23, and was accordingly declared elected.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

Committee on Legislative Matters.

*Ordered*, That a special committee of three be appointed to take charge of all matters relating to the schools of Boston that may come before the Legislature during the present year.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Gallagher, Hobbs, and Crowley as such committee.

Mr. Fleming offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the next meeting of the Board be held on Tuesday evening, January 23, at seven and one-half o'clock.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Secretary qualified as Clerk of the corporation.

The Secretary was qualified as Clerk of the Corporation, Mr. Hobbs administering the oath of office.

His Honor the Mayor appointed the following Standing Committees; also the Normal, High School, and Division Committees, viz.: —

STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Accounts.* — James A. Fleming, Chairman; Messrs. Williamson, Rust, Crowley, Doherty.

*Annual Report.* — John C. Crowley, Chairman; Mr. Davis, Miss Peabody.

*Drawing and Music.* — Charles C. Perkins, Chairman; Miss Peabody, Messrs. Cutter, Blake, Darling.

*Elections.* — John W. Porter, Chairman; Messrs. Gallagher, Lasker.

*Evening Schools.* — George M. Hobbs, Chairman; Messrs. Fleming, Gallagher, Hyde, Lasker.

*Examinations.* — Lucia M. Peabody, Chairman; Messrs. Crowley, Hyde, Flint, Davis.

*Horace Mann School.* — Thomas Gaffield, Chairman; Mrs. E. A. Fifield, Mr. Naphen.

*Nominations.* — George H. Plummer, Chairman; Messrs. Fleming, Cutter, Porter, Doherty.

*Primary-School Instruction.* — John B. Moran, Chairman; Messrs. Hobbs, Hyde, Davis, Williamson.

*Rules and Regulations.* — George M. Hobbs, Chairman; Messrs. Porter, Flint, Gallagher, Moran.

*Salaries.* — George H. Plummer, Chairman; Messrs. Chapin, Cutter, Hyde, Doherty.

*School-houses.* — Nahum Chapin, Chairman; Messrs. Plummer, Gallagher, Davis, Darling.

*Schools for Licensed Minors.* — Nahum Chapin, Chairman; Messrs. Rust, Lasker.

*Sewing.* — Lucia M. Peabody, Chairman; Messrs. Chapin, Crowley, Naphen, Mrs. E. A. Fifield.

*Supplies.* — John B. Moran, Chairman; Messrs. Plummer, Chapin, Porter, Hyde.

*Text-Books.* — John G. Blake, Chairman; Messrs. Crowley, Flint, Hobbs, Davis.

*Truant Officers.* — The Mayor, Chairman; Messrs. Moran, Elliott, Fleming, Doherty.

NORMAL, HIGH SCHOOL AND DIVISION COMMITTEES.

*Normal School.* — Messrs. Hobbs, Moran, Hyde, Miss Peabody, Mr. Perkins.

*High Schools.* — Messrs. Flint, Blake, Gallagher, Rust, Miss Peabody.

*First Division.* — Messrs. Plummer, Chapin, Cutter, Fleming, Doherty.

*Second Division.* — Messrs. Cutter, Chapin, Perkins, Gaffield, Darling.

*Third Division.* — Messrs. Perkins, Plummer, Fleming, Darling, Elliott.

*Fourth Division.* — Messrs. Crowley, Blake, Davis, Gaffield, Williamson.

*Fifth Division.* — Messrs. Hyde, Moran, Lasker, Rust, Blake.

*Sixth Division.* — Messrs. Gallagher, Crowley, Williamson, Naphen, Hobbs.

*Seventh Division.* — Mr. Hobbs, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Moran, Crowley, Lasker.

*Eighth Division.* — Messrs. Hyde, Moran, Gaffield.

*Ninth Division.* — Messrs. Porter, Hyde, Mrs. E. A. Fifield.

Approved.

Mr. Blake offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That Mr. Moran be added to the Committee on Text-Books.

Mr. Moran appointed a member of the Committee on Text-Books.

Laid on the table.

Rules suspended.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Gallagher, the order was taken from the table, and passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Moran, it was

Unfinished business referred.

*Ordered*, That the unfinished business of last year, referred to this Board, be referred to the appropriate committees.

Report of committee on revised form of Rules and Regulations specially assigned.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the consideration of the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on the revised form of the Rules and Regulations was specially assigned to 8 o'clock of the next meeting.

Mr. Hobbs presented a petition, signed by A. E. Wright and 22 others, asking that the Primary School near Forest Hills Station be reopened.

Referred to the Committee on the Eighth Division.

The Chair presented the following papers from the last School Board: —

Petition of George L. Chaney *et al.*; course in hand-training.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
BOSTON, Dec. 12, 1882.

*Ordered*, That the petition of George L. Chaney and others, for an appropriation of five hundred dollars, for the purpose of conducting a course of hand-training in the Sherwin School the coming year, be referred to the next School Board, with the recommendation that the Committee on Accounts include the same in their estimates for the next financial year.

Passed.

Attest: PHINEAS BATES, JR.,
*Secretary.*

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Petition of janitors for increase in salary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
BOSTON, Dec. 12, 1882.

*Ordered*, That the petition of the janitors of the public school buildings, for an increase in their salaries, be referred to the Committee on Accounts of the next School Board, who, if

they should deem an increase of salaries advisable, will undoubtedly take the proper means to admit of the same, in making up the estimates for the next financial year.

Passed.

Attest: PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
*Secretary.*

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

In School Committee,
Boston, Dec. 26, 1882.

Rank of subordinate teachers in High Schools.

*Ordered*, That the Regulations be amended so as to provide that the rank of subordinate teachers in the High Schools shall be that of assistants, this change to take effect April 1, 1883.

Referred to the next School Board.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
*Secretary.*

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the order was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, offered the following: —

Appropriation for Musical Festival.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to include in the estimates of next year the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for a Musical Festival.

Mr. Moran moved to lay the order on the table.

Lost, by a vote of 9 to 11.

The order passed.

Mr. Gaffield presented his resignation as a member of the Second and Eighth Division Committees. The resignation was not accepted.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes before nine o'clock.

Attest: PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
*Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 23, 1883.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members, except Messrs. Elliott and Flint.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Secretary of No License Union for permission to distribute tickets to temperance celebration to the pupils.

HEAD-QUARTERS MASSACHUSETTS NO LICENSE UNION,
338 Washington street.

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 22, 1883.

*To the School Committee of the City of Boston:* —

The undersigned, in behalf of the Massachusetts No License Union, requests that the privilege be granted to the organization he represents to distribute to the scholars of the public schools of Boston, tickets of admission for the grand temperance and patriotic celebration, to occur in the building of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, on Huntington ave., this city, on the afternoon of the 22d day of February next, — Washington's birthday, — in honor of ex-Gov. John P. St. John, of Kansas; subject to such regulations as control in similar cases.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM H. COLCORD,
*Secretary.*

On motion of Mr. Fleming, the communication was laid on the table.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Board of Health; fumigating of school-houses.

BOARD OF HEALTH, 32 PEMBERTON SQUARE,
BOSTON, Jan. 10, 1883.

*To the Honorable the School Committee:* —

The Board of Health hereby respectfully recommends that your Honorable Board cause all the public school-houses in the city to be fumigated as often as once in each two weeks during the cold season; the work to be done by the janitors on Saturdays, burning two pounds of sulphur to each one thousand cubic feet of space. The Board of Health will cheerfully furnish the janitors with such further instruction as may be necessary or desired for the proper performance of the work.

Respectfully, for the Board,

SAMUEL H. DURGIN, M.D.
*Chairman.*

Referred to the Committee on Accounts, with full powers.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

*Bowdoin District.* — C. Eliza Wason, second assistant, Primary Department, Jan. 1, 1883.

*Everett District.* — Fannie M. Nason, fourth assistant, Jan. 1, 1883.

*Harvard District.* — Effie A. Kettell, fourth assistant, Jan. 1, 1883.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

*Brimmer District.* — Elizabeth A. Noonan, third assistant, from Jan. 16, 1883.

*Eliot District.* — Agnes L. Dodge, third assistant, from Jan. 9, 1883.

*Gaston District.* — Margaret M. Burns, fourth assistant, from Jan. 9, 1883.

*Lawrence District.* — Mary J. Buckley, third assistant, from Dec. 18, 1882.

*Prince District.* — Mary L. Fynes, third assistant, from Jan. 24, 1883.

*Warren District.* — Annie M. Olsson, third assistant, from Jan. 11 to 16, 1883, inclusive.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

*Bowdoin District.* — Sarah E. Brown, fourth assistant, from Jan. 2, 1883.

*Dudley District.* — Charlotte Kendrick and Maria E. Wood, third assistants, from Sept. 4, 1882, and Oct. 16, 1882, respectively.

*Emerson District.* — Henry B. Hall, third assistant, sixth year, from Jan. 2, 1883.

*Hancock District.* — M. Lizzie Bryant, fourth assistant, from Oct. 23, 1882.

*Harvard District.* — Elizabeth R. Cormier, fourth assistant, from Jan. 2, 1883.

*Phillips District.* — Mary L. Bibbey, fourth assistant, from Jan. 23, 1883.

*Warren District.* — Edward Stickney, sub-master, eighth year, from Jan. 17, 1883.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

*Bowdoin District.* — Ella E. Merrill, fourth assistant.

*Phillips District.* — Eunice J. Simpson, third assistant; and Florida Y. Ruffin, fourth assistant.

*Rice District.* — Gertrude E. Bigelow and Mabel I. Emerson, fourth assistants.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

*Phillips District.* — Fannie B. Bowers, fourth assistant, to the same position in the Everett District, to date from Jan. 1, 1883.

Accepted.

Nomination of principal of Lyman Evening School.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, reported the following nomination of a principal of an evening school: —

*Lyman School.* — Henry Melville, principal from Jan. 2, 1883, in place of Frank E. Dimick, resigned.

Accepted.

Ballot for principal of Lyman Evening School.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Lyman Evening School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Blake, Fleming, and Rust, as a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Henry Melville had 21 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Lyman Evening School, to date from Jan. 2, 1883.

Henry Melville elected.

The Chair read the following: —

Appointment of Sarah E. Titcomb as assistant in Secretary's office.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
MASON ST., Jan. 23, 1883.

HON. ALBERT PALMER, *President of School Committee:* —

DEAR SIR, — In accordance with the Regulations I respectfully ask the approval of the Board of the appointment of Miss Sarah E. Titcomb as an assistant in my office, to date from Dec. 1, 1882, to fill a vacancy.

Respectfully yours,
PHINEAS BATES, JR.,
*Secretary.*

Approved.

The Chair presented the annual report of the Board of Supervisors.

Annual report of Board of Supervisors.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the report was accepted and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Moran presented a petition, signed by John H. Lee, for the petitioners, with regard to the building of a Grammar school-house in the northerly part of the Brighton District.

Petition of John H. Lee; Grammar school-house in northerly part of Brighton.

Referred to the Committee on the Eighth Division.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be respectfully requested to complete the George Putnam school-house, according to the original plan of the building.

Completion of George Putnam school-house.

Referred to the Committee on the Seventh Division.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until April 1, 1883, be granted to Mary E. Flanders, fourth assistant in the Bunker Hill District, and that Jessie F. Otis be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Mary E. Flanders.

Jessie F. Otis, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That Mary E. Mailman be approved as a substitute for longer than one month in the Prescott District.

Mary E. Mailman, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until April 1, 1883, be granted to Mary E. Pierce, third assistant in the Warren District, and that Annie M. Olsson be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Mary E. Pierce.

Annie M. Olsson, substitute.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

*Ordered*, That fifteen hundred extra copies of School Document No. 1 be printed.

Extra edition of Document 1.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Elizabeth A. Withey.

*Ordered*, That Elizabeth A. Withey, third assistant in the Winthrop District, be placed upon the third year of service in her grade, to date from Nov. 20, 1882.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to George W. Neal.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until April 1, 1883, be granted to George W. Neal, master of the Quincy School.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Priscilla Johnson.

Elizabeth K. Bolton, substitute.

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence until April 1, 1883, be granted to Priscilla Johnson, fourth assistant in the Bowditch District, and that Elizabeth K. Bolton be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Betsey P. Burgess.

Mary E. Whitney, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until April 1, 1883, be granted to Betsey P. Burgess, second assistant in the Primary Department, Brimmer District, and that Mary E. Whitney be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Annie P. James.

Grace L. Curtis, substitute.

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence until April 1, 1883, be granted to Annie P. James, third assistant in the Brimmer District, and that Grace L. Curtis be approved as her substitute.

Election of a special instructor in hygiene.

Mr. Blake moved that the election of a special instructor in hygiene be assigned for consideration to eight o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the subject was laid on the table, by a vote of 12 to 6.

The Chair presented the following: —

BOSTON, Jan. 23, 1883.

*To the President of the School Board:* —

I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

JOHN B. MORAN.

Resignation of Mr. Moran as a member of the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The resignation was accepted.

The Chair appointed Mr. Fleming to serve on the Committee on Rules and Regulations, in place of Mr. Moran, resigned.

Appointment on committee.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

*Ordered*, That the City Council be respectfully requested to proceed with the erection of the contemplated Primary School building, at the corner of O and Fifth streets, South Boston.

Erection Primary school. house, South Boston.

The Chair presented the report of the Superintendent, who was requested — Nov. 14, 1882 — to report to the Board the branches taught by the principals in the graduating classes of the Grammar Schools.

Report of Superintendent; branches taught by principals in their graduating classes.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the report was accepted, and referred to the Committee on Examinations.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence to February 1, 1883, be granted to Adelaide D. Chandler, fourth assistant in the Lyman District, and that Fannie M. Morris be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Adelaide D. Chandler.

Fannie M. Morris, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until April 1, 1883, be granted to Ida J. Beckenridge, fourth assistant in the Emerson District, on account of ill-health, and that Jane A. Soutter be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Ida J. Breckenridge.

Jane A. Soutter, substitute.

Reports of Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — November 14, 1882 — an order concerning the erection of a new Grammar school-house in the Fifth Division, reported that a school-house should be erected immediately for the relief of the overcrowded Grammar Schools of the Fifth and Seventh Divisions. The committee recommend the passage of the following order : —

New Grammar school-house, Fifth and Seventh Divisions.

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to erect a new Grammar school-house, immediately, for the relief of the overcrowded Grammar Schools of the Fifth and Seventh Divisions.

Accepted; and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — December 22, 1882 — the petition of the English High School Association, that means be provided for lighting the drill-hall of the English High and Latin School buildings, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Lighting of drill-hall of English High and Latin School building.

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to cause the drill-hall of the English High and Latin School building to be lighted.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Gaffield offered the following : —

Lists of committees to be presented to Board.

*Ordered*, That at the first meeting of the Board for organization, the Secretary prepare and place on the desks of each member a list of all the appointments by the Mayor on the various committees of the Board, and also another alphabetical and tabulated list, which shall show, at a glance, the appointments which each member has received on the Executive Standing Committees, and on the committees connected with the Special Schools and School Divisions.

Mr. Moran moved to lay the order on the table.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the special assignment, being the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations of the revised form of the Rules and Regulations, was considered.

Special assignment; revised form of the Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Darling, the subject was specially assigned for consideration to the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence until April 1, 1883, be granted to Mary F. Baker, fourth assistant in the Lewis District, and that Sarah E. Deane be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Mary F. Baker.

Sarah E. Deane, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until April 1, 1883, be granted to Elizabeth W. Pond, fourth assistant in the Dillaway District, and that Mary L. Shepard be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Elizabeth W. Pond.

Mary L. Shepard, substitute.

Mr. Porter offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the salary of the assistant in the office of the Secretary be at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, from Dec. 1, 1882, until otherwise ordered.

Salary of assistant in Secretary's office.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Drawing and Music be authorized to expend a sum, not exceeding three hundred dollars, for the copying and printing of music to be used at the proposed musical festival.

Printing of music for musical festival.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies, with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the vote whereby the order was referred to the Committee on Supplies was reconsidered.

Mr. Perkins withdrew the order.

Death of Kate M. Hanson.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, reported the death of Kate M. Hanson, late fourth assistant in the Everett District.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes after nine o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,

*Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 1, 1883.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Blake, Elliott, Fleming, Perkins, and Plummer.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
January 29, 1883.

Communication from Committee on Public Buildings; removal of School Board offices.

HON. ALBERT PALMER, *President of the School Board:* —

DEAR SIR, — I have been directed by the Committee on Public Buildings to notify the President of the School Board that at a meeting of said committee, held Saturday, January 27, it was voted unanimously to assign the city building on Mason street, now in use by the School Committee, to the Police Department and its various branches. It was also the unanimous vote of the committee to tender the School Board the use of the Savage School-house, on Harrison avenue, now in charge of this committee.

It being desirable that your Board should vacate their present quarters as early as March 1, you will see the necessity of informing the committee at once what changes may be desirable in the interior of the Harrison-avenue building to adapt it to the wants of your Board.

Will you please cause early official action to be taken on this communication, and oblige,

Respectfully yours,

H. B. FISHER,
*Clerk of Committee.*

Placed on file.

Mr. Davis presented the following: —

Resolutions concerning removal of School Board offices.

*Resolved*, That the School Committee respectfully protests against the action of the Committee on Public

Buildings in adopting an order to assign the use of the school building in Mason street to the Police Commissioners, and requests the City Council to instruct the Committee on Public Buildings to rescind its order to this effect, which this Board considers to be unauthorized and injudicious.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to represent the Board in this matter before the City Council and its committees.

Adopted unanimously.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Chapin, Crowley, Moran, Darling, and Davis, as the committee.

The Chair read the following: —

Declination of Supervisorship by J. C. Greenough.

RHODE ISLAND STATE NORMAL SCHOOL,
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 27, 1883.

PHINEAS BATES, JR.,

*Secretary of School Committee, Boston, Mass.:* —

DEAR SIR, — Yours of Dec. 28, officially informing me of my election as Supervisor of the public schools of Boston, for the term ending March 31, 1884, was duly received. Having very carefully considered the many arguments urged in favor of accepting the position of Supervisor, I yet feel compelled to decline it. During the days that have passed since the receipt of your note, as the weighty reasons for taking up the work in Boston have accumulated, I have seemed at times about to accept; but there are hindrances in the way which I cannot remove. Thanking the honorable body which you represent for the confidence which their vote implied, and regretting that I cannot serve in the way desired,

I am, very respectfully yours,
J. C. GREENOUGH.

Placed on fil .

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes after eight o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, JR.,
*Secretary.*

## In School Committee, Feb. 13, 1883.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

### RESIGNATIONS.

*Dearborn District.* — Anna M. Balch, second assistant, Primary Department, Feb. 1, 1883. Resignations of teachers.

*Warren District.* — Mary B. Lynde, third assistant, Feb. 9, 1883.

Accepted.

### SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

*Gibson District.* — Carrie L. Floyd, from Feb. 12, 1883. Special assistant, Primary School.

Accepted.

### TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

*Allston District.* — Jessie W. Kelley, fourth assistant, from Feb. 5, 1883. Temporary teachers.

*Dearborn District.* — Clara B. Andrews, second assistant, Primary Department, from Feb. 1, 1883; Laura E. Andrews, third assistant, from Dec. 4, 1882.

*Gibson District.* — Nellie R. Grant, third assistant, from Feb. 5, 1883.

*George Putnam District.* — Arthur C. S. Jackson, second assistant, from Jan. 16 to Feb. 1, 1883.

*Phillips District.* — Almira G. Smith, fourth assistant, from Jan. 3 to 24, 1883.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

*Comins District.* — Alice M. Johnson, third assistant.

*Dearborn District.* — Emma J. Backup, fourth assistant.

*George Putnam District.* — Josephine L. Goddard, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

*Allston District.* — Kate McNamara, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the Bennett District, to date from Feb. 1, 1883.

*Lawrence District.* — Margaret Holmes, third assistant, to the same position in the Dearborn District, to date from Feb. 12, 1883.

Accepted.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from the City Auditor.

CITY OF BOSTON,

CITY HALL, AUDITOR'S OFFICE, Feb. 1, 1883.

*To the School Committee:* —

I am required to lay before the City Council, during the month of February, in each year (R. O., Chap. 14, Sect. 3), an estimate of the amount of money necessary to be raised to defray the expenditures of the Financial Year, which commences on the ensuing first day of May, including the Auditor's draft of the first of May; also an estimate of the Ways and Means of meeting the same.

Please furnish me, on or before the 15th instant, with a detailed estimate of the amount deemed necessary for your depart-

ment (R. O., Chap. 15, Sect. 2); also an estimate of the income to be paid into the City Treasury.

Your ob't serv't,

JAMES H. DODGE, *City Auditor.*

Placed on file.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That "Questions and Notes on Physics," by Merton S. Keith, be authorized for use in the Latin Schools. Text-book in Physics.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That E. Isabelle Bense, fourth assistant in the Mather District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her grade, to date from Jan. 1, 1883. Salary of E. Isabelle Bense.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, it was

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Text-Books report a suitable text-book in history for the use of the first class of the Grammar Schools; also, a mental arithmetic and spelling-book, for the use of all the classes of the Grammar Schools. Text-books in history, arithmetic, and spelling.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, reported, with sincere regret, the death of Ophelia S. Newell, fourth assistant in the Howe Primary School, of the Lawrence District. Death of Ophelia S. Newell.

Placed on file.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

*Whereas*, It is a well-known fact that the majority of pupils in the Grammar Schools are withdrawn from them before graduating, and are thereby deprived of sufficient knowledge of those necessary branches of learning which is expected to prepare them for their after-life in the world; and Revision of courses of study and lists of text-books.

*Whereas*, It is a fact that the average age of graduates of the Grammar Schools is of late years much greater than it was ten or twenty years ago; and

*Whereas*, There is reason to believe that the graduates of the Grammar Schools are not at present as well grounded in the essential and practically useful studies as were the graduates of earlier years; and

*Whereas*, There is also reason to suppose that the time of our public-school pupils, which is devoted to minor, and to many of them unnecessary branches of education, might in part or wholly be assigned to cardinal and useful studies with much greater advantage to the children; therefore,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Text-Books be instructed, when preparing their coming annual report on the course of studies and list of text-books, to take into serious consideration and report accordingly on the advisability of simplifying the course of studies in the public schools; and, upon consultation with the Board of Supervisors, of determining the amount of time to be devoted to each study or exercise.

*Ordered*, That in view of the facts and suggestions set forth in the above preamble and order, the Committee on Text-Books be instructed to carefully examine into the necessity, if any, of reducing the number of text-books and books of reference now authorized in the public schools.

Referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

Report of Joint Committee on Accounts and Supplies; estimates for 1883–84.

Mr. Fleming, for the Joint Committee on Accounts and Supplies, presented the following estimates of expenses for the financial year 1883–4, and asked that the same be approved by the Board: —

## SCHOOLS. ESTIMATES, 1883–4.

School Committee,
Office of Accounts, Feb. 8, 1883.

James H. Dodge, Esq., *City Auditor:* —

Dear Sir, — The Committee on Accounts of the School Committee herewith transmit to you estimates of the amount which will be required to meet the expenses of the Public Schools for the financial year commencing on the first day of May, 1883, and ending April 30, 1884, exclusive of the expenses for furniture, repairs, alterations, and the building of school-houses.

Very respectfully yours,

JAMES A. FLEMING,
*Chairman Committee on Accounts, School Committee.*

### SALARIES OF INSTRUCTORS.

*First Grade.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5 Head-Masters, at | $3,780 | $18,900 | |
| 3 Masters | 3,168 | 9,504 | |
| 22 " | 2,880 | 63,360 | |
| 1 Junior Master | 2,736 | 2,736 | |
| 1 " " | 2,592 | 2,592 | |
| 1 " " | 2,304 | 2,304 | |
| 2 " " | 2,160 | 4,320 | |
| | | | $103,716 |

*Second Grade.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 33 Masters, at | $2,880 | $95,040 | |
| 1 Master | 2,820 | 2,820 | |
| 1 " | 2,760 | 2,760 | |
| 1 " | 2,700 | 2,700 | |
| 3 " | 2,640 | 7,920 | |
| 3 " | 2,580 | 7,740 | |
| 4 Sub-Masters | 2,496 | 9,984 | |
| 2 " " | 2,376 | 4,752 | |
| 15 " " | 2,280 | 34,200 | |
| 1 Principal, Dillaway School | 2,280 | 2,280 | |
| 1 Sub-Master | 2,220 | 2,220 | |
| 1 " " | 2,160 | 2,160 | |
| 1 " " | 2,136 | 2,136 | |
| *Amounts carried forward,* | | $176,712 | $103,716 |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *Amounts brought forward,* | | $176,712 | $103,716 |
| 2 | Sub-Masters | 1,980 | 3,960 | |
| 5 | " " | 1,920 | 9,600 | |
| 3 | " " | 1,800 | 5,400 | |
| 3 | " " | 1,740 | 5,220 | |
| 3 | " " | 1,680 | 5,040 | |
| 1 | " " | 1,620 | 1,620 | |
| 4 | " " | 1,560 | 6,240 | |
| | | | | 213,792 |
| | *Third Grade.* | | | |
| 1 | Assistant Principal, at | $1,800 | $1,800 | |
| 5 | First Assistants | 1,620 | 8,100 | |
| 4 | Second " | 1,380 | 5,520 | |
| 1 | " " | 1,308 | 1,308 | |
| 6 | Third " | 1,140 | 6,840 | |
| 1 | " " | 1,068 | 1,068 | |
| 1 | " " | 1,032 | 1,032 | |
| 3 | " " | 996 | 2,988 | |
| 14 | Fourth " | 948 | 13,272 | |
| 1 | " " | 876 | 876 | |
| 4 | " " | 804 | 3,216 | |
| | | | | 46,020 |
| | *Fourth Grade.* | | | |
| 1 | First Assistant, at | $1,152 | $1,152 | |
| 53 | " Assistants | 1,080 | 57,240 | |
| 4 | " " | 1,044 | 4,176 | |
| 2 | " " | 1,008 | 2,016 | |
| 4 | " " | 972 | 3,888 | |
| 4 | " " | 936 | 3,744 | |
| 63 | Second Assistants | 816 | 51,408 | |
| 5 | " " | 804 | 4,020 | |
| 1 | " " | 792 | 792 | |
| 29 | " " | 780 | 22,620 | |
| 7 | " " | 768 | 5,376 | |
| 270 | Third Assistants | 744 | 200,880 | |
| 18 | " " | 696 | 12,528 | |
| 20 | " " | 648 | 12,960 | |
| 19 | " " | 600 | 11,400 | |
| 9 | " " | 552 | 4,968 | |
| 14 | " " | 504 | 7,056 | |
| 13 | " " | 456 | 5,928 | |
| | *Amounts carried forward,* | | $412,152 | $363,528 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *Amounts brought forward,* | | $412,152 | $363,528 |
| 274 | Fourth Assistants . . . . . | 744 | 203,856 | |
| 28 | " " . . . . . | 696 | 19,488 | |
| 18 | " " . . . . . | 648 | 11,664 | |
| 23 | " " . . . . . | 600 | 13,800 | |
| 16 | " " . . . . . | 552 | 8,832 | |
| 29 | " " . . . . . | 504 | 14,616 | |
| 21 | " " . . . . . | 456 | 9,576 | |
| 10 | Temporary Teachers, 100 days . | | 1,860 | |
| 20 | Special Assistants, 150 " . | | 3,000 | |
| | | | | 698,844 |

*Special Grade.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Special Teacher of Illustrative Drawing, Penmanship, etc., Normal School . . . . . | | 1,380 |
| Sewing: 28 Instructors, 199 Divisions . . . . . | | 14,688 |
| 5 French Instructors, High Schools . . . . . | | 4,230 |
| 1 German Instructor, " " . . . . . | | 720 |
| Deaf Mutes: — | | |
| 1 Principal . . . . . | $1,800 | |
| 8 Assistants . . . . . | 6,500 | |
| | | 8,300 |
| Drawing: — | | |
| Director . . . . . | | 3,000 |
| Music: — | | |
| Director . . . . . | $3,000 | |
| 3 Instructors . . . . . | 7,920 | |
| | | 10,920 |
| Licensed Minors: — | | |
| 2 Assistants . . . . . | | 1,488 |
| Chemistry: — | | |
| High Schools, 2 Instructors . . . . . | $1,780 | |
| 1 Laboratory Assistant . . . . . | 744 | |
| | | 2,524 |
| Physical Culture: — | | |
| Girls' High, 1 Instructor . . . . . | $960 | |
| " Latin, 1 " . . . . . | 492 | |
| | | 1,452 |
| Military Drill: — | | |
| Instructor . . . . . | $1,500 | |
| Armorer . . . . . | 504 | |
| | | 2,004 |
| *Amount carried forward,* | | $1,113,078 |

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|---|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* | | $1,113,078 |
| Evening High School: — | | |
| Master, 22 weeks | $1,100 | |
| Teacher of Phonography, 22 weeks | 550 | |
| 10 Assistants, 22 weeks | 4,400 | |
| Clerk | 275 | |
| | | 6,325 |
| Evening Elementary Schools: — | | |
| 13 Principals, 22 weeks | $5,720 | |
| 74 Assistants, " " | 12,210 | |
| | | 17,930 |
| Evening Drawing Schools: — | | |
| 2 Masters, 66 evenings | $1,320 | |
| 3 Head Assistants " " | 1,188 | |
| 9 Assistants " " | 2,970 | |
| 5 Curators " " | 660 | |
| | | 6,138 |
| | | $1,143,471 |

SALARIES OF OFFICERS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Superintendent | $4,200 | |
| Six Supervisors, at $3,780 | 22,680 | |
| Secretary | 2,500 | |
| Auditing Clerk | 2,500 | |
| Assistants | 2,400 | |
| Copyist | 840 | |
| Assistant in offices School Department | 600 | |
| Messengers | 1,500 | |
| 18 Truant Officers | 21,720 | |
| | | $58,940 |

INCIDENTALS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Text Books, Reference Books, Exchange of Books, | $53,500 |
| Books for Supplementary Reading | 2,000 |
| Annual Festival | 2,000 |
| Musical Festival | 1,500 |
| Globes, Maps, and Charts | 1,000 |
| *Amount carried forward,* | $60,000 |

| | |
|---|---|
| *Amount brought forward,* | $60,000 |
| Musical Expenses: — | |
| Instruments, Repairs and Covers, Charts and Stands, | 2, 0 |
| Printing and stock used for same | 7,000 |
| Philosophical, Chemical, and Mathematical Apparatus and Supplies | 2,400 |
| School Census | 1,100 |
| Stationery, Drawing Materials, and Record Books | 12,000 |
| Slates, Diplomas, Racks, Pencils, Erasers, etc. | 3,500 |
| Advertising | 400 |
| Military Drill: — | |
| Arms, repairs, etc. | 500 |
| Fuel, gas, and water | 63,000 |
| Salaries of Janitors | 84,000 |
| Janitors' and other supplies | 3,800 |
| Cost of work for furnishing supplies, etc. | 12,000 |
| Miscellaneous, including sewing materials, teaming, extra labor, horse and carriage expenses, postage, car and ferry tickets, receiving coal, and sundry items | 4,200 |
| The School Committee have voted to recommend the Committee on Accounts to include in this estimate, for Industrial Education in the Sherwin School, the sum of | 500 |
| | $256,650 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|---|---|
| Salaries of Instructors | $1,143,471 |
| Salaries of Officers | 58,940 |
| Incidentals | 256,650 |
| | $1,459,061 |

INCOME.

| | |
|---|---|
| Non-residents, State and City | $12,000 |
| Trust funds and other sources | 12,000 |
| Sale of books and supplies | 40,000 |
| | $64,000 |

The amount asked for, as compared with the amount granted last year, shows an increase of $13,054. The estimated income is increased $10,000, as compared with that of last year, owing

to the increase of revenue from sales of books and materials to pupils. Taking the estimated expenditure and income together, it would leave a net increase in the amount to be provided of $3,054. When the fact is considered that the pupils in the public schools are increasing at the rate of over one thousand per annum, requiring the appointment of twenty additional teachers, the reason why the slight increase asked for is needed must be apparent.

The committees having charge of the preparation of these estimates have carefully considered the requirements of the schools, and are of the opinion that the amount requested is absolutely required to carry on the schools as they are at present constituted.

The Committee on Accounts respectfully request that the Auditor of Accounts may be authorized to transfer unexpended balances from any one of the appropriations named to any other appropriation.

For the Committee on Accounts,

JAMES A. FLEMING,
*Chairman.*

For the Committee on Supplies,

JOHN B. MORAN,
*Chairman.*

On motion of Mr. Moran, it was voted that the estimates be considered by items.

Salaries of Instructors: Items under First Grade were approved; items under Second Grade were approved.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the several items, as far as Special Grade, were approved.

Items under Special Grade were approved.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was voted that the Chair read the items, and, if no objections were presented, they should be considered as being approved.

The various items, as far as "Incidentals," were approved.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the items under "Incidentals" were considered separately.

Item, Text Books, Reference Books, and Exchange of Books, approved.

Mr. Gallagher moved to strike out the next item, viz., "Books for Supplementary Reading, $2,000."

Lost, by a vote of 6 to 14.

The item was approved.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the estimates were amended by including the items "Annual Festival" and "Musical Festival" under one item, and allowing the sum of $2,500 for the item.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the several items to and including "Miscellaneous, including sewing materials, etc.," were approved.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the item for Industrial Education in the Sherwin School was approved.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, the estimates as a whole, as amended, were approved.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, it was

*Ordered*, That musical exercises by children in the public schools, not to exceed an hour in duration, and under the direction of the Committee on Drawing and Music, be included in the programme of the Annual School Festival of 1883, and that the said committee be authorized to expend $300 — or such part thereof as may be necessary — in the printing and copying of music to be used on this occasion. Musical exercises at Annual Festival.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, to whom was referred — Jan. 23 — the petition for a new Grammar school-house in the northerly part of the Brighton District, reported that they consider the order passed by this Board Dec. 12, 1882, and now in the Report of Committee on the Eighth Division; new Grammar school-house in northerly part of Brighton.

hands of the Committee on Public Instruction of the City Council, asking that the present Auburn School-house be enlarged so as to accommodate four additional classes, provides for the ample accommodation of the Grammar and Primary pupils of that section for some years to come, and the committee recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Board of Health; comparative amount of sickness among school children.

BOARD OF HEALTH, 32 PEMBERTON SQ.,
BOSTON, Feb. 12, 1883.

*To the Honorable School Committee:* —

In order to ascertain the comparative amount of sickness among the school children in the several districts of the city, for use in sanitary work and for general information, the Board of Health respectfully suggests that you will kindly cause to be sent to us, at the end of each month, the number of pupils belonging in each school, and the number who have been absent from each school for three or more consecutive days on account of sickness. If this meets your approbation, and you order the reports, we will furnish suitable blanks for the purpose, and publish monthly the percentages of sickness by districts, as well as the individual numbers, in connection with our mortality statistics, for use in the School and Health Boards.

Respectfully, for the Board,

S. H. DURGIN,
*Chairman.*

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Leave of absence to Kate L. Dodge.

Kate Haushalter, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until April 1, 1883, be granted to Kate L. Dodge, third assistant in the Eliot District, and that Kate Haushalter be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That, on account of ill health, leave of absence until April 1, 1883, be granted to Sarah Ripley, fourth assistant in the Eliot District. Leave of absence to Sarah Ripley.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, o ered the following: —

*Ordered*, That Mary L. Bibbey, fourt assistant in the Phillips District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her grade, to date from Jan. 23, 1883. Salary of Mary L. Bibbey.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until April 1, 1883, be granted to Martha Yeaton, fourth assistant in the Frothingham District, on account of ill health. Leave of absence to Martha Yeaton.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That M. Grace Fisher be approved as a substitute for more than one month in the Warren District. M. Grace Fisher, substitute.

Mr. Plummer offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the rank of second assistant in the Primary Department be abolished on and after April 1, 1883. Abolishment of rank of second assistant in the Primary Department.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until April 1, 1883, be granted to George T. Wiggin, sub-master in the Lowell District; and that Luther B. Pillsbury be approved as his substitute. Leave of absence to George T. Wiggin. Luther B. Pillsbury, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, it was

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Supplies consider the expediency of placing water-filters in the various school-houses. Water-filters in school-houses.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following: —

Use of "Franklin Advanced Third Reader" authorized in Appleton-street Primary School.

*Ordered*, That the "Franklin Advanced Third Reader" be authorized for use in the first class of the Appleton-street Primary School for the remainder of the present school-year; it being desirable, in the opinion of the Committee on the Normal School, that such use be permitted.

Suspension of Rules.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Evening Schools, it was

Continuation of term of Evening High School.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Evening Schools have authority to continue the Evening High School, if the appropriation will warrant it.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from F. Otis; February 23d as a holiday.

BOSTON, Feb. 10, 1883.

*To His Honor Mayor Palmer:* —

MY DEAR SIR,—Washington's Birthday occurs this year on Thursday. Will you be kind enough to give the boys and girls the following day for vacation? It is hardly worth while to return Friday to school.

Very respectfully yours,

F. OTIS.

Placed on file.

Mr. Darling offered the following: —

Holiday, Friday, Feb. 23d.

*Ordered*, That the sessions of the public schools of the City of Boston be suspended on Friday, Feb. 23, 1883.

Suspension of Rules.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Wm. E. Sheldon; invitation to pupils to reception of ex-Governor St. John of Kansas.

BOSTON, Feb. 13, 1883.

*To the Boston School Committee:* —

Permission is requested to circulate cards of invitation to the children in the Grammar schools, through their respective

teachers, to attend a reception to ex-Gov. St. John, of Kansas, on Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22d, inst., in the grand hall of the Mechanic Charitable Association building, on Huntington avenue. The enclosed programme will indicate the character of the exercises.

Yours respectfully,

WM. E. SHELDON,
*For the Committee of Invitation.*

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the revised form of the Rules and Regulations was specially assigned for consideration to 8 o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

Special assignment; revised form of Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Nominations be instructed to report the names of candidates for the position of Supervisor, to fill the vacancy in the Board of Supervisors.

Committee on Nominations to report candidates for vacancy in Board of Supervisors.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Darling, the previous question was ordered.

The order passed by a vote of 11 to 5.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order relative to the salary of John K. Richardson, of the Latin School, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Reports of the Committee on Salaries.

*Ordered*, That the two years credited to John K. Richardson, of the Public Latin School, by the order of Dec. 28, 1881, be reckoned from September 5th of that year, provided that no additional pay shall be given for the time already expired.

Salary of John K. Richardson.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — January 23d — an order relative to the salary of the assistant in the Secretary's office, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Salary of assistant in Secretary's office.

*Ordered*, That the salary of the assistant in the Secretary's office be at the rate of $1,000 per annum, to date from Dec. 1, 1882, until otherwise ordered.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Elizabeth A. Withey.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — January 23d — an order that Elizabeth A. Withey, third assistant in the Winthrop District, be placed upon the third year of service in her grade, to date from Nov. 20, 1882, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Salary of Mattie F. Wright.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that Mattie F. Wright, third assistant in the Lincoln District, be placed upon the third year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 5, 1882, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Rank and salary of subordinate teachers in High Schools.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — January 8 — an order that the rank of subordinate teachers in the High Schools shall be that of assistants, reported as follows: —

As the passage of the order would, by changing the rank of these teachers, make it necessary to change the present schedule of salaries, your committee consider that their opinion is desired upon the expediency of changing the present salaries of these teachers.

A hearing was given to the teachers interested, and the subject fully presented by them. Their proposition was, that, after the change in rank was made, the salary of the new position should be $720 for the first year of service, with an annual increase of $60, for thirteen years, when the maximum salary of $1,500 would be reached; and that all the teachers should enter upon the proposed schedule where their present salaries placed them, without regard to their previous service in the grade.

One of the arguments used in favor of accepting the proposed plan was, that more consideration should be given to the terms of service of the teachers. The practical results show a curious contrast to the argument. For instance, a fourth assistant, of twenty years' service, now receiving $948, would, after serving nine years more, reach the proposed maximum of $1,500; a third assistant, of six years' service, now receiving $1,380, would reach the proposed maximum in two years; thus, one teacher would have served twenty-nine years, while another served but eight years, to reach the maximum salary. Numerous other instances might be cited, but it seems unnecessary.

For the purpose of better comparing the difference in the cost of present salaries, and the cost under the proposed schedule, we give below a table. The average service of these teachers is about nine years, and we give the expense for the next ten years, dating from April 1, 1883: —

| | Present salary. | Proposed. | Increase. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1883–4 . . . | $29,382 | $29,703 | $321 |
| 1884–5 . . . | 29,757 | 31,095 | 1,338 |
| 1885–6 . . . | 30,045 | 32,755 | 2,710 |
| 1886–7 . . . | 30,333 | 34,250 | 3,917 |
| 1887–8 . . . | 30,600 | 35,875 | 5,275 |
| 1888–9 . . . | 30,708 | 37,435 | 6,727 |
| 1889–90 . . . | 30,708 | 38,835 | 8,127 |
| 1890–1 . . . | 30,708 | 40,065 | 9,357 |
| 1891–2 . . . | 30,708 | 41,265 | 10,557 |
| 1892–3 . . . | 30,708 | 42,325 | 11,617 |

It will be seen, by the above figures, that although the additional expense for the first year is small, yet, as the years go by, there is a constant increase, until at the end of ten years the increase in expense over the present salaries would exceed $10,000 per year.

The cost of maintaining our High Schools, already great, — $101,42 per pupil, — would be materially increased by the proposed action.

Your committee are of the opinion that, with the existing ranks, there is a greater incentive to excellence in work which would be almost, if not wholly, removed by the adoption of the order. We think some provision should be made to insure a greater justice to teachers in the matter of promotions. Where

vacancies occur in a higher grade, the successful teachers of the next lower grade should have the precedence in the consideration of the committee in charge, in filling such vacancies. This course would exert a healthful emulation, and incite teachers to their best work.

Under the present regulations, a teacher whose work has not been such as to secure her a promotion to a higher grade, would stay in the lower grade, at the salary of that grade; while, under the proposed plan, her salary would be increased yearly, and, finally, she would receive as high a salary as the most successful teacher.

Should favorable action be taken on the plan proposed, it would furnish reasons for a similar proposition from the teachers of the Grammar and Primary grades, which would result in a still greater increase in school expenses.

Your committee are of the opinion that the principle involved in the plan proposed by the order is not for the best interests of the schools, and they therefore recommend that no change be made in the existing salaries of these teachers, and that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

The Chair presented the following: —

Report of the Board of Supervisors on re-establishment of grade of Usher in the Grammar schools.

IN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BOSTON, Feb. 12, 1883.

*To the School Committee:* —

At a meeting of the School Committee, Oct. 24, 1882, the following order was referred to this Board: —

*Ordered*, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to report to this Board the expediency of reëstablishing the office of Usher in our Grammar schools.

The Board of Supervisors reports as follows: —

Previous to June, 1878, we had three grades of male teachers in the Boston Grammar Schools, viz., Masters, Sub-Masters, and Ushers.

As a rule, vacant masterships were filled by promoting sub-masters; and sub-masterships by ushers. Ushers were usually selected from the male teachers employed in the vicinity of Boston.

As girls' schools had but one male teacher, viz., a master, vacancies in those positions were filled by promoting sub-

masters who had been serving in other school districts; but, as this promotion carried with it an increase of salary, there was no lack of candidates, though the transfer sometimes involved a change from a desirable part of the city to one less attractive.

The same was true in respect to the promotion of ushers. The mixed schools had no ushers, but vacancies in the sub-masterships of those schools were filled by promoting ushers from other sections of the city. These promotions also carried with them an increase of salary, and for that reason were readily made. In June, 1881, the School Committee abolished the distinction between sub-masters and second sub-masters, allowing the salaries of the latter to increase annually until the maximum of a sub-master's salary was reached.

Two arguments were advanced in favor of this legislation. First, it was held that, by abolishing this distinction and allowing a higher maximum salary to the second sub-master, a superior class of men could be drawn into the city's employ from the surrounding towns and cities.

Second, it was claimed that many worthy second sub-masters remained for a long series of years in inferior positions from no fault of their own, and that vacancies in other sections of the city were as likely to be filled from outside the city as from the second sub-masters already in the service.

In regard to the first argument, we may say that the maximum salary of a sub-master is now $2,280 per year, and $400 less than that sum will command the services of almost any male teacher within fifteen miles of Boston, who would consent, under any circumstances, to enter our city's service.

The truth of this statement will hardly be questioned when we consider the strong probability of promotion in the service that goes with the salary named.

The ushership has heretofore been the training school for the higher positions.

There is more or less risk in taking even successful teachers from suburban towns and putting them into our city schools.

The circumstances and requirements of the city schools are such that success is by no means certain to one even who has previously been uniformly successful.

But moderate success in an ushership, while it might secure permanency in that position, would seldom secure promotion, and

so it resulted that the sub-masterships were filled by the most successful ushers, and thus the second places in our large Grammar schools were held secure against inferior talent.

By abolishing the distinction between sub-masters and second sub-masters the lowest grade of male talent that can manage to hold a position in the Boston Grammar schools receives a compensation exactly equal to the best.

A third objection to the present plan lies in the fact that, at present, a vacant sub-mastership in an undesirable part of the city cannot be filled by the transfer of an able second sub-master from some more favored section. Such a transfer involves an increase in the actual labor required, and no increase in pay.

Such vacancies consequently must be filled from applicants outside the city, and thus the schools that require and should have the best teachers must become training departments for the new-comers.

A fourth and no less valid objection to the present plan is its injustice.

The senior sub-master, whose rank and pay are now precisely the same as the one we have termed the second sub-master, is required to perform duties that will never devolve upon the latter.

Whenever the master is absent from his school the first sub-master must be prepared to perform his duties. The entire discipline of the school falls upon him.

In case the master is absent for any considerable time, the numberless details of the school-work must be looked after by the senior sub-master. For this service, requiring superior abilities and skill, he can receive no compensation, except as a gratuity from the master. His associate, upon whom none of these demands are made, and whose whole duty ends in his class-room, except such service as he may render at recess, receives precisely the same compensation, and holds precisely the same rank.

The undersigned feel that, for the reasons above stated, there should be two grades of male teachers below the master.

They also believe that the pay of senior sub-master should be higher than that of the second sub-master.

We therefore recommend that the grade of junior sub-master be established, and that, in all future appointments to this posi-

tion, the appointee receive a fixed salary, which shall not be less than the minimum now paid to a sub-master.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. METCALF,

*For the Board of Supervisors.*

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the Board adjourned at five minutes before ten o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,

*Secretary.*

## In School Committee, Feb. 27, 1883.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Elliott, Fleming, Flint, and Perkins.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Petitions for school accommodations on Long and Spectacle Islands.

The Chair presented a petition signed by Antonio Vierro and ten others, residents of Long Island, Boston Harbor, for school accommodations for the children resident on said island. The Chair also presented a petition from N. Ward & Co., for the establishment of a school on Spectacle Island, Boston Harbor.

The petitions were referred to the Committee on the First Division.

Reports of the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

### RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

*Lyman District.* — Adelaide D. Chandler, fourth assistant, March 1, 1883.

*Norcross District.* — Sarah V. Cunningham, second assistant, Primary Department, Feb. 1, 1883.

*Wells District.* — Annie D. Clough, fourth assistant, Feb. 22, 1883.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

*Gibson District.* — Charlotte E. Kaan, from Feb. 26, 1883.

*Mather District.* — Charlotte L. Child, from Feb. 12, 1883.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

*Gibson District.* — Carrie L. Floyd, third assistant, from Feb. 26, 1883.

*Lyman District.* — Lillian G. Bates, Fannie M. Morris, Mary L. Sweeney, fourth assistants, from March 1, 1883.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nominations of teachers.

*Charles Sumner District.* — Gertrude P. Davis, third assistant, from March 1, 1883.

*Everett District.* — Alice E. Stevens, fourth assistant, from Jan. 19, 1883.

*Lawrence District.* — Henrietta Nichols, fourth assistant, from Feb. 6, 1883.

*Rice District.* — V. Colonna Murray, fourth assistant, from Nov. 13, 1882.

*Wells District.* — Mary A. Collins, fourth assistant, from Feb. 26, 1883.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

*Adams District.* — Nellie B. Tucker, fourth assistant.

*Central District.* — Sarah H. Drake, third assistant.

*Chapman District.* — Fidelia D. Merrick, fourth assistant.

*Charles Sumner District.* — Elizabeth Kiggen, fourth assistant.

*Dwight District.* — Martha B. Lucas, second assistant, Primary Department; Jennie I. Kendall, fourth assistant.

*Eliot District.* — Tilson A. Mead, sub-master.

*Everett District.* — Annie C. Murdock, third assistant.

*Hancock District.* — Mary A. P. Cross, fourth assistant.

*Lawrence District.* — Mary W. Bragdon, second assistant, Primary Department; Emma Britt, fourth assistant.

*Prescott District.* — Alice Simpson, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until April 1, 1883, be granted to Marietta Duncan, fourth assistant in the Chapman District; and that Mary A. D. Maclean be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Marietta Duncan.

Mary A. D. Maclean, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Normal School, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until April 1, 1883, be granted to Ella C. Hutchins, third assistant in the Rice District.

Leave of absence to Ella C. Hutchins.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until April 1, 1883, be granted to Uleyetta Williams, third assistant in the Rice District.

Leave of absence to Uleyetta Williams.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

*Ordered*, That the new building for the Dillaway School be supplied with gas-piping.

Dillaway School, gas-piping for.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Katharine Whitney.

Lucy C. Elliott, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until April 1, 1883, be granted to Katharine Whitney, first assistant in the Charlestown High School; and that Lucy C. Elliott be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Mary E. Balch.

Maria L. Tyler, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until April 1, 1883, be granted to Mary E. Balch, second assistant in the Lincoln District; and that Maria L. Tyler be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Sarah M. Tripp.

Katharine G. Sullivan, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until April 1, 1883, be granted to Sarah M. Tripp, third assistant in the Lincoln District; and that Katharine G. Sullivan be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, it was

Salary of Edward H. Cobb.

*Ordered*, That Edward H. Cobb, sub-master in the Lawrence District, be placed upon the third year of service in his grade, to date from September 4, 1882.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

Notice of fumigation of school-houses to be given.

*Ordered*, That the Board of Health of the city o Boston be respectfully requested to give twenty-four hours' notice of all cases of intended fumigation of any school-house; such notice to be given to the master or teacher in charge of such school.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Completion of

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to com-

plete the George Putnam school-house, in accordance with the original plan. George Putnam school-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the following order was taken from the table: —

*Ordered*, That "Questions and Notes on Physics," by Merton S. Keith, be authorized for use in the Latin Schools. Text-book on Physics; Latin Schools.

Passed.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

*Ordered*. That M. Lizzie Bryant, fourth assistant in the Hancock District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her grade, to date from April 1, 1883. Salary of M. Lizzie Bryant.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Blake moved that the rules be suspended in order that the vote of the Board, at the last meeting, whereby the report of the Committee on Salaries on the change in rank and salaries of the subordinate teachers in the High Schools was accepted, could be reconsidered. Rank and salaries of subordinate teachers in High Schools. Reconsideration.

The rules were suspended, and the vote, referred to above, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the report was recommitted to the Committee on Salaries, with instructions to give all parties interested a hearing. Report recommitted.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the special assignment, being the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on the revised form of the Rules and Regulations, was considered. (Doc. 17, 1882.)

Chapters I., II., III., IV., and V., were severally adopted.

Chapter VI., Section 75. On motion of Mr. Crowley, the section was amended by inserting in the eleventh line after the word "those," the words "if any."

Chapter VI. was adopted as amended.

Chapter VII. On motion of Mr. Moran, Section 81 was amended by inserting after the word "schools," in the second line, the words "for the ensuing financial school year."

On motion of Miss Peabody, Section 87 was amended by inserting after the word "year" in the fifth line, the words "no nomination, however, shall bear a date previous to the date of the certificate of qualification issued to the nominee by the Board of Supervisors."

Chapter VII. was adopted as amended.

Chapters VIII., IX., and X., were severally adopted.

Chapters XI. and XII., were recommitted to the committee.

Chapter XIII. was adopted.

Chapter XIV. On motion of Mr. Davis, Section 187 was amended by substituting "principal" for "principals" in the third line.

Chapter XIV. was adopted as amended.

Chapter XV. Miss Peabody moved to amend Section 211 by striking out the following words, near the top of page 34, "after the eighth week following the first Monday of February or September, or."

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the Superintendent was requested to give his opinion of the proposed change.

The Superintendent stated that he thought it very desirable that there should be some uniform rule agreed upon which could be referred to in replies to inquiries of parents and others as to why pupils were not admitted to the schools.

The amendment was lost, by a vote of 2 to 10.

On motion of Miss Peabody, Section 212 was amended by inserting after the word "transfer," in the

first line, the words "which shall entitle them to admission into the same class."

Mr. Moran moved to strike out Sections 219 and 220.

Laid on the table, by a vote of 11–0.

Mr. Gallagher moved to amend Section 213, by inserting after the words "in September," in the second line, the words "and February."

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Superintendent was requested to give his opinion on the subject.

The Superintendent stated that in his opinion it would not be desirable to amend the section as proposed.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Blake, the whole subject of the revised form of the Rules and Regulations was laid on the table.

Mr. Rust, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: — Statement of appropriations and expenditures.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS,
MASON ST., Feb. 27, 1883.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations, as made by the City Council, for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred, including the draft payable March 1, — being eleven months' payments of the present financial year.

| Object of Appropriation. | Appropriation, 1882–83. | March Draft. | Expenditures, 11 Months. | Balance Unexpended. |
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| Salaries, instructors | $1,133,167 | $98,101 08 | $1,029,623 06 | $103,543 94 |
| Salaries, officers . . | 57,140 | 4,736 66 | 52,290 31 | 4,849 69 |
| Sch. expenses. Salaries janitors | 82,000 | 6,928 26 | 74,513 90 | 7,486 10 |
| Sch. expenses. Fuel, gas, water | 61,000 | 5,202 60 | 57,480 40 | 3,519 60 |
| Sch. expenses. Supplies. and miscellaneous expenses . . | 112,700 | 5,019 95 | 85,006 28 | 27,693 72 |
| Totals . . . . . | $1,446,007 | $119,988 55 | $1,298,913 95 | $147,093 05 |

The expenses for the corresponding eleven months of last year were as follows, viz.: Salaries of instructors, $1,015,022.86; salaries of officers, $51,237.17; salaries of janitors, $72,871.37; fuel, gas, and water, $53,907.18; supplies and miscellaneous expenses, $79,750.90, — making a total of $1,272,789.48.

For the Committee on Accounts,

JAMES A. FLEMING, *Chairman.*

Annual Report of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Salaries, presented the annual report of that committee, recommending that the following order ought to pass: —

*Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors of the public schools for the ensuing year be the same as for the preceding year, as contained in the following schedule. (See Doc. 2, 1883.)

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the order was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Salary of Kate M. Hanson.

*Ordered*, That the salary of Kate M. Hanson, deceased, late fourth assistant in the Everett District, be paid to B. Scott Perry.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Land for yard of Atherton School.

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to purchase land to enlarge the yard of the Atherton schoolhouse.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Leave of absence to A. C. Plummer.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence, until April 1, 1883, be granted to Almy C. Plummer, third assistant in the Harris District, and that Charlotte A. Powell be approved as her substitute.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the Board of Supervisors be instructed to reëxamine the diploma examination papers in arithmetic, geography, grammar, and history of the Grammar Schools, June, 1882, with the exception of those from the twelve schools already reëxamined; and that they report the results of such reëxamination to the Committee on Examinations as soon as possible.

Reëxamination of diploma examination-papers.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the order was amended by substituting the word "English" for the word "Grammar," in the third line.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations, with full powers.

The Chair read the following: —

BOSTON, Feb. 27, 1883.

*To the President of the School Board:* —

I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Committee on the Normal School.

JOHN B. MORAN.

Resignation of John B. Moran from Committee on Normal School.

Accepted.

The Chair appointed Mr. Naphen as a member of the Committee on Normal School, in place of Mr. Moran, resigned.

Appointment on committees.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned at fifteen minutes after ten o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, JR.,
*Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 13, 1883.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Mr. Elliott.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

*Hancock District.* — M. Agnes Thompson, from Jan. 15, 1883. Special assistant, Primary School.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

*Franklin District.* — Fannie B. Wilson, fourth assistant, from March 12, 1883. Temporary teachers.

*Lewis District.* — Sarah E. Rumrill, fourth assistant, from Jan. 1, 1883.

*Warren District.* — Frances L. Dodge, third assistant, from Feb. 12 to March 2, 1883, inclusive.

*Wells District.* — Elizabeth Campbell, fourth assistant, from March 4 to April 1, 1883.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the following special assistant teachers for reëlection, to date from April 1, 1883: Reëlection special assistants, Primary Schools.

*Brimmer District.* — Agnes M. Cochran; *Comins*, Nellie J. Kiggen and Jane F. Gilligan; *Dearborn*,

Sarah S. Burrill; *Dorchester-Everett*, Mary E. Morse; *Eliot*, Elizabeth C. Harding and Helen M. Graves; *Gibson*, Marietta L. Valentine and Charlotte E. Kaan; *Hancock*, Ella W. Mitchell, Sophia E. Krey, and M. Agnes Thompson; *Lowell*, Kate F. Lyons; *Mather*, Charlotte L. Child; *Minot*, Annie T. Kelley; *Phillips*, Eudora F. Summer; *Quincy*, Rebecca F. Newcomb and Mary J. Mohan; *Stoughton*, Gertrude L. Howard.

Accepted.

Reëlection of principals.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, submitted in print a report nominating for reëlection the principals of the several High and Grammar Schools.

Accepted.

Secret session.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, the doors were closed.

Recess.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the Board took a recess of five minutes.

At the expiration of the time allowed, the Chair called the Board to order.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the Board proceeded to ballot for principals of the High and Grammar Schools.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Gaffield, Rust, and Crowley, as a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice, 13.

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| Normal School | Larkin Dunton, Head Master, | had | 22 |
| Rice Training School | Lucius A. Wheelock, Master, | " | 20 |
| Public Latin " | Moses Merrill, Head Master, | " | 22 |
| Girls " " | John Tetlow, Master, | " | 22 |
| English High " | F. A. Waterhouse, Head Master, | " | 22 |
| Girls' High " | Homer B. Sprague, " " | " | 16 |
| East Boston High " | John O. Norris, Master, | " | 22 |
| Roxbury " " | S. M. Weston, Head Master, | " | 22 |
| Dorchester " " | Elbridge Smith, Master, | " | 22 |

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| Charlestown High School | Caleb Emery, Master, | had 22 |
| W. Roxbury " " | George C. Mann, Master, | " 22 |
| Brighton " " | Benjamin Wormelle, " | " 21 |

FIRST DIVISION.

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| Adams School | Frank F. Preble, Master, | had 21 |
| Chapman " | George R. Marble, " | " 21 |
| Emerson " | James F. Blackinton, Master, | " 21 |
| Lyman " | Hosea H. Lincoln, " | " 21 |

SECOND DIVISION.

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| Bunker Hill School | Samuel J. Bullock, Master, | had 22 |
| Frothingham " | Caleb Murdock, " | " 21 |
| Harvard " | W. E. Eaton, " | " 22 |
| Prescott " | Edwin T. Horne, " | " 22 |
| Warren " | E. Bradford Gay, " | " 20 |

THIRD DIVISION.

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| Bowdoin School | Daniel C. Brown, Master, | had 21 |
| Eliot " | Samuel Harrington, " | " 16 |
| Hancock " | James W. Webster, " | " 18 |
| Phillips " | Elias H. Marston, " | " 22 |
| Wells " | Orlendo W. Dimick, " | " 22 |

FOURTH DIVISION.

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| Bowditch School | H. Winslow Warren, Sub-Master, | had 22 |
| Brimmer " | Quincy E. Dickerman, Master, | " 22 |
| Prince " | E. Bentley Young, " | " 21 |
| Quincy " | George W. Neal, " | " 22 |
| Winthrop " | Robert Swan, " | " 22 |

FIFTH DIVISION.

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| Dwight School | James A. Page, Master, | had 22 |
| Everett " | Alfred Hewins, " | " 22 |
| Franklin " | Granville B. Putnam, Master, | " 21 |
| Sherwin " | Silas C. Stone, " | " 21 |

SIXTH DIVISION.

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| Andrew School | Joshua M. Dill, Master, | had 22 |
| Bigelow " | Thomas H. Barnes, " | " 22 |
| Gaston " | C. Goodwin Clark, " | " 19 |
| Lawrence " | Amos M. Leonard, " | " 22 |
| Lincoln " | Alonzo G. Ham, " | " 22 |
| Norcross " | Fred. O. Ellis, " | " 22 |
| Shurtleff " | Henry C. Hardon, " | " 22 |

SEVENTH DIVISION.

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| Comins School | Charles W. Hill, Master, | had | 22 |
| Dearborn " | Harlan P. Gage, " | " | 22 |
| Dillaway " | Sarah J. Baker, Sub-Master, | " | 22 |
| Dudley " | Leverett M. Chase, Master, | " | 22 |
| George Putnam School | Henry L. Clapp, Sub-Master, | " | 21 |
| Lewis " | William L. P. Boardman, Master, | " | 21 |
| Lowell " | Daniel W. Jones, " | " | 19 |

EIGHTH DIVISION.

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| Allston School | G. W. M. Hall, Master, | had | 21 |
| Bennett " | Walter S. Parker, " | " | 22 |
| Central " | John T. Gibson, " | " | 22 |
| Charles Sumner School | Artemas Wiswall, Sub-Master, | " | 21 |
| Hillside " | Albert F. Ring, Master, | " | 22 |
| Mount Vernon " | Abner J. Nutter, Sub-Master, | " | 22 |

NINTH DIVISION.

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| Dorchester-Everett School, | Henry B. Miner, Master, | had | 21 |
| Gibson " | William E. Endicott, " | " | 20 |
| Harris " | N. Hosea Whittemore, Sub-Master, | " | 22 |
| Mather " | Edward Southworth, Master, | " | 22 |
| Minot " | Joseph T. Ward, Jr., Sub-Master, | " | 22 |
| Stoughton " | Edward M. Lancaster, " | " | 22 |
| Tileston " | Hiram M. George, First Assistant, | " | 21 |

All of the principals nominated by the committee, as above-named, having received more than 13 votes, were declared reëlected for the ensuing school year.

Reëlection of subordinate instructors.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, submitted in print a report nominating for reëlection the subordinate instructors of the several Normal, High, Grammar, and Primary Schools. (Doc. 3.)

Appended to the report was the following order, which the committee recommended ought to pass, under a suspension of the rules.

Additional teachers allowed.

*Ordered*, That one extra teacher be allowed in each of those districts where, from want of seating capacity, or to preserve the present classification, the Committee

on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, have included them in this report.

The order passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

The report was accepted, and the subordinate teachers, as contained in the report of the committee (Doc. 3), were declared reëlected.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the doors were opened.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, who were instructed — Feb. 13 — to report the names of candidates for the vacant supervisorship, reported the following list of names: — Report of Committee on Nominations; candidates for vacant supervisorship.

John Kneeland, Thomas Flatley, S. Arthur Bent, James A. Page, and Delwin A. Hamlin.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Fleming the Board proceeded to an informal ballot for a Supervisor. Informal ballot.

The chair appointed Messrs. Gaffield, Rust, and Crowley as a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 14. S. Arthur Bent had 1 vote; P. Flatley had 1 vote; James A. Page had 2 votes; Thomas Flatley had 5 votes; John Kneeland had 5 votes; and there were 7 blanks.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the name of George A. Littlefield was added to the list of candidates.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board proceeded to a formal ballot for a Supervisor.

The chair appointed the same committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The following table shows the results of the several ballots: —

| | First Ballot. | Second Ballot. | Third Ballot. | Fourth Ballot. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Whole number of votes | 13 | 12 | 18 | 18 |
| Necessary for a choice | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 |
| John Kneeland | 6 | 8 | 10 | 16 |
| Thomas Flatley | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| James A. Page | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| George A. Littlefield | 1 | 1 | 3 | . . . |
| George H. Howison | 1 | . . . | 1 | . . . |
| Charles L. Flint | . . . | 1 | . . . | . . . |
| Blanks | 10 | 13 | 6 | 6 |

After the second ballot Mr. Gallagher moved that the election of a Supervisor be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Moran moved to lay the subject on the table.

Mr. Moran's motion was lost.

Mr. Gallagher's motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, the Board proceeded to ballot for a Supervisor.

John Kneeland elected Supervisor.

On the fourth ballot, John Kneeland received 16 votes, and was accordingly declared elected as a Supervisor for the term ending March 31, 1884.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Maria E. Wood.

*Ordered*, That Maria E. Wood, third assistant in the Dudley District, be placed upon the second year of service in her grade, to date from Oct. 16, 1882.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; presentation of lists of committees to the Board.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Jan. 23 — an order concerning the presentation of the lists of committees at the meeting of the Board for organization, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

*Ordered*, That, at the first meeting of the Board for

organization, the Secretary prepare and place on the desk of each member a list of all the appointments by the Mayor on the various committees of the Board; and also another alphabetical and tabulated list, which shall show, at a glance, the appointments which each member has received on the Executive Standing Committees, and on the committees connected with the Special Schools and School Divisions.

Accepted, and the order laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to exceed the appropriation for fuel, gas, and water, for this year, viz., $61,000; it having become necessary on account of the increased consumption of fuel occasioned by the very severe winter.

Excess of appropriation for fuel, gas, and water.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That M. A. P. Cross, fourth assistant in the Hancock District, be placed upon the sixth year of service in her grade, to date from April 1, 1882.

Salary of M. A. P. Cross.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, it was

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Supplies be requested to consider the advisability of providing for *verbatim* reports of the proceedings of this Board in one of the daily newspapers of this city.

*Verbatim* reports of proceedings of School Board.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to purchase land for the purpose of enlarging the yard of the Dorchester-Everett School-house.

Land for yard of Dorchester-Everett School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Crowley moved that the rules be suspended, in order that the vote of the Board, on the motion of Miss

Reconsideration.

Peabody at the last meeting, whereby the previous action of the Board upon the orders offered by Mr. Moran — February 13 — was changed, might be reconsidered.

Rules suspended.

The rules were suspended.

The motion of Mr. Crowley, to reconsider the vote of the Board at the last meeting, as above stated, was lost, by a vote of five to twelve.

Salaries of teachers.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the orders appended to the report of the Committee on Salaries (Doc. 2) were taken from the table.

The question was on the passage of the first order, viz: —

*Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors of the public schools for the ensuing year be the same as for the preceding year, as contained in the following schedule. (See Doc. 2.)

On motion of Mr. Blake, so much of the order as relates to the salaries under "Third grade High Schools" was laid on the table.

Mr. Moran moved that the salary of the Director of Music be $2,640, instead of $3,000, as in the order.

Mr. Williamson moved, as a substitute, that the items of the salaries of the Directors of Music and Drawing be laid on the table.

Mr. Williamson's motion being entitled to precedence, the question was so put, and Mr. Williamson's motion was passed.

On motion of Mr. Darling, the whole subject was laid on the table.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Duties of Committee on Examinations.

*Ordered*, That the whole subject regarding text-books used and to be used in the public schools be delegated to the Committee on Examinations, as a part of their functions, under the Rules and Regulations.

Laid on the table.

Report of Committee on Examinations on the reëxamination of diploma examination-papers of the Grammar Schools.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred, with full powers — February 27 — an order relative to the reëxamination by the Board of Supervisors of diploma examination-papers of the Grammar Schools, June, 1882, reported that the committee considered very carefully and fully the question submitted to them, and came to the unanimous conclusion that, in view of the diminished force of the Board of Supervisors, the press of work at this time of the year, and the approaching examinations of candidates to be held in April, it would be impracticable for them to make the reëxamination of diploma papers contemplated in the order, soon enough to make it of any service to the Board this year. They considered also the possibility of having this reëxamination made by persons outside the Board of Supervisors; but found no way in which this could be accomplished to give any reliable or satisfactory results. Your committee are of the opinion, therefore, that this order ought not to pass.

Accepted, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Darling, it was

Information concerning married women as teachers.

*Ordered*, That the masters of the various schools be requested, at their earliest convenience, to furnish the Secretary of the School Committee with a list of the married women now teaching in their respective schools, and who, if any, of such married teachers draw pay under their maiden names.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, the Board adjourned at five minutes before ten o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
*Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 27, 1883.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor and Messrs. Blake and Porter.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from City Council; Primary School at Breed's Island.

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 19, 1883.

*Ordered*, That the City Clerk be directed to notify the School Board to proceed anew in their demands for a school-house site at Breed's Island, East Boston, the lot of land recently purchased for the purpose being abandoned by the City Council.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence, March 22. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, March 24, 1883.

A true copy. Attest:

FREDERICK E. GOODRICH,
*City Clerk.*

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

Report of Committee on School-houses.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, it was

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to purchase land for the erection of a Primary-school building at Breed's Island, East Boston.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Charles H. Wise; use of School-house at Roslindale.

BOSTON, March 27, 1883.

P. BATES, Jr., Esq., *Secretary of School Committee*: —

DEAR SIR, — I respectfully request that permission be granted to Mr. Lentz and others to occupy (for a few hours each week)

the one-story frame school-house situate on Poplar-street, Ward 23, the object being that the German residents of Roslindale may, after regular school hours, send their children to a native German teacher. At present thirty-two children are promised, and a teacher is engaged.

Yours very truly,

CHARLES H. WISE.

Referred to the Committee on the Eighth Division, with full powers.

Acceptance of Supervisorship by John Kneeland.

The Chair read a letter from Mr. John Kneeland, accepting the office of Supervisor.

Placed on file.

Report of the Committee on Nominations; reëlection Special Instructors.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on High Schools, reported the following nominations for reëlection for the school year 1883–84: —

*Instructor in Military Drill.* — Hobart Moore.

*Instructors in Calisthenics.* — *Girls' Latin School.* — Mary A. Currier. *Girls' High School.* — Ellen M. Dyer.

The Chair stated that the statute requires a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting to elect instructors in Calisthenics and Military Drill.

The report was accepted, and the nominations confirmed; more than two-thirds of the members present voting in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on Truant-Officers, it was

Truant-officers continued in service.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Truant-Officers be granted further time in which to present the nominations of truant-officers, and that the present officers be continued in service until otherwise ordered.

Report of Special Committee on removal of

Mr. Chapin, for the Special Committee appointed — February 1 — to represent the Board before the City

Council, and its committees, relative to the removal of the School Committee offices from the Mason-street building, reported that they had attended to the duties assigned to them, and had received the following communication from the Committee on Public Buildings: —

School Board offices.

CITY OF BOSTON.
OFFICE OF SUPT. PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
March 13, 1883.

Communication from Committee on Public Buildings.

HON. ALBERT PALMER, *Chairman of the School Board*: —

DEAR SIR, — I am directed by the Committee on Public Buildings to notify the Chairman of the School Board, that, at a meeting of the committee held on even date herewith, it was voted to rescind the vote of January 27, whereby the city building on Mason street was assigned for police head-quarters, thereby causing the School Board to vacate the premises.

Yours respectfully,
H. B. FISHER, *Clerk*.

Accepted, and the communication placed on file.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — March 13 — an order that they consider the advisability of providing *verbatim* reports of the proceedings of the School Board in one of the daily newspapers of this city, reported that they have carefully considered the subject, and although some of the committee were in doubt as to the desirability of carrying out the intention of the order, it was voted to submit the following order to the School Board, for them to take such action as they may desire: —

Report of Com. on Supplies; *verbatim* reports of proceedings.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to contract with the proprietors of some one of the daily newspapers of this city, for the publication of *verbatim* reports of the proceedings of the School Board, for the term of one year, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for printing.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order. The order was lost by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

*Yeas:* Messrs. Chapin, Crowley, Darling, Doherty, Fleming, Lasker, Moran, and Naphen. — 8.

*Nays:* Mrs. Fifield, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Cutter, Davis, Elliott, Gaffield, Gallagher, Hobbs, Hyde, Perkins, Plummer, Rust, and Williamson. — 13.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

Abby S. Hapgood, substitute.

*Ordered*, That Abby S. Hapgood be approved as a substitute for Mary E. Pierce, for more than one month, in the Warren District.

Reëlection of instructors, Horace Mann School.

Mr. Gaffield, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School for the Deaf, reported for reëlection for the ensuing school year the following-named instructors in the Horace Mann School: —

*Principal.* — Sarah Fuller.

*First Assistant.* — Annie E. Bond.

*Assistants.* — Ella C. Jordan, Kate D. Williams, Mary F. Bigelow, Sarah A. Jordan, Manella G. White, Ellen Shaw, and Hannah Merrill.

Accepted, and the subordinate teachers reëlected.

Reëlection of instructors in schools for Licensed Minors.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Schools for Licensed Minors, reported for reëlection for the ensuing school year the following-named instructors in these schools: —

*North Margin-street School.* — Sarah A. Brackett.

*East-street School.* — M. Persis Taylor.

Accepted, and the instructors reëlected.

Reëlection of special instructors in Music.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported for reëlection the following-named special instructors in music for the ensuing school year: —

Joseph B. Sharland, Hosea E. Holt, and J. M. Mason.

Accepted, and the special instructors in music reëlected.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Sewing, reported the following-named instructors in sewing for reëlection for the ensuing school year: —

Reëlection of Sewing teachers.

Eliza A. Baxter, Catherine L. Biglow, Elizabeth A. Boyd, Annie E. Brazer, Helen L. Burton, Eliza M. Cleary, Frances C. Close, Susan Cousens, Isabella Cumming, Kate Doherty, Anna J. Goodwin, Sarah E. Hamlin, Catherine G. Hosmer, Lizzie Kenna, Nellie I. Lincoln, Delia Mansfield, Catherine C. Nelson, Mary E. Patterson, Julia Z. Ridgway, M. Elizabeth Robbins, Martha A. Sargent, Julia A. Skilton, Sarah A. Stall, Frances E. Stevens, Lizzie A. Thomas, Emma A. Waterhouse, Mary A. Willis, Maria L. Young.

Accepted, and the instructors reëlected.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported for reëlection for the ensuing school year, Henry Hitchings, Director of Drawing.

Reëlection of Director of Drawing.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the Board voted to proceed to ballot for a Director of Drawing.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the above vote was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the present Director of Drawing was continued in service until otherwise ordered.

Director of Drawing continued in office.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported for reëlection for the ensuing school-year, Julius Eichberg, Director of Music.

Reëlection, Director of Music.

Accepted.

Mr. Naphen moved that the rules be suspended, and that the election of a Director of Music be specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, three-fourths of the members present not voting in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the Board proceeded to ballot for a Director of Music, by a vote of fourteen to four.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Hyde, Darling, and Williamson as a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The following table shows the results of the several ballots : —

| | First Ballot. | Second Ballot. | Third Ballot. | Fourth Ballot. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Whole number of votes . . . . . | 17 | 19 | 20 | 17 |
| Necessary for a choice . . . . . | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 |
| Julius Eichberg . . . . . | 10 | 11 | 12 | 14 |
| Hosea E. Holt . . . . . | 7 | 8 | 8 | 3 |
| Blanks . . . . . | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |

After the third ballot Mr. Naphen moved that the rules be suspended, and that the election of a Director of Music be specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, three-fourths of the members present not voting in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the Board then proceeded to another ballot.

Julius Eichberg, reëlection of as Director of Music.

On the fourth ballot, Julius Eichberg received 14 votes, and was accordingly declared reëlected as Director of Music for the ensuing year.

Reports of Com. on Salaries; salary of Edward H. Cobb.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Feb. 27 — an order that Edward H. Cobb, sub-master in the Lawrence District, be placed upon the third year of service in his grade, to date from

Sept. 4, 1882, reported that the order ought not to pass. Report of Committee on Salaries.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 13 — an order relative to the salary of E. Isabelle Bense, reported that the following order ought to pass : — Salary of E. Isabella Bense.

*Ordered*, That E. Isabelle Bense, fourth assistant in the Mather District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her grade, to date from Jan. 1, 1883.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 27 — an order that M. Lizzie Bryant, fourth assistant in the Hancock District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her grade, to date from April 1, 1883, reported that the order ought not to pass. Salary of M. Lizzie Bryant.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 13 — an order that Mary L. Bibbey, fourth assistant in the Phillips District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her grade, to date from Jan. 23, 1883, reported that the order ought not to pass. Salary of Mary L. Bibbey.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee to whom was referred — March 13 — an order that Maria E. Wood, third assistant in the Dudley District, be placed upon the second year of service in her grade, to date from October 16, 1882, reported that the order ought not to pass. Salary of Maria E. Wood.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 13 — an order that M. A. P. Cross, fourth assistant in the Hancock District, be placed upon the sixth year of service in her grade, to date from April 1, 1882, reported that the order ought not to pass. Salary of M. A. P. Cross.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the report was laid on the table.

Report of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Moran moved the passage of the original order : —

*Ordered*, That M. A. P. Cross, fourth assistant in the Hancock District, be placed upon the sixth year of service in her grade, to date from April 1, 1882.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rank and salaries subordinate teachers in High Sc s.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was recommitted — Feb. 27 — their report upon the change in the ranks and salaries of the subordinate teachers in the High Schools, which was presented to the Board, Feb. 13, reported that they had followed the instructions of the Board and given another hearing to those interested in the matter, and, after a careful consideration of the subject, they have been unable to arrive at any different conclusion from that presented in their former report, and recommend that it is inexpedient to abolish the grades, or to increase the present cost of High-School education, which would be inevitable under the change proposed.

Mr. Gallagher moved as a substitute for the report the passage of the following order : —

*Ordered*, That the Regulations be amended as follows : —

Section 246. Substitute the following for paragraphs 3, 4, and 5, —

3. Besides the principal, each High School shall be allowed one instructor, in addition to such special teachers as the Board may appoint, for every thirty-five pupils registered. An additional instructor may be elected for an excess of twenty pupils, and one may be removed for a deficiency of twenty. The salaries of instructors of the third grade, except that of assistant principal, shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding thirteen years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the fourteenth and each subsequent year of service. The committee in charge of any High School may recommend, and the Committee

on Nominations, if they deem it advisable, may nominate an assistant, whose term of service shall begin with the salary of any year after the first in the series of thirteen years; and the salary of such instructor, if the nomination be confirmed by the Board, shall be annually increased in the same manner as if the candidate had served during the preceding years of such term. The rank of first assistant shall be abolished, as the position, now recognized, shall become vacant in schools where first assistants are now employed.

4. Instructors of the third grade shall be designated as follows: Assistant Principal, First Assistant, and Assistants.

Paragraph 6. Amended by striking out all of the section to the words "All male instructors," and numbering the paragraph "5" instead of "6."

Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the whole subject was specially assigned to 8 o'clock of the next regular meeting of the Board.

Special assignment: Revised form of Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Hobbs moved that the consideration of the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on the revised form of the Rules and Regulations be specially assigned to five minutes before eight o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, Mr. Hobbs' motion was amended by substituting "half-past eight" for the words "five minutes before eight."

The motion, as amended, passed.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Mary E. Balch.

Maria L. Tyler, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Mary E. Balch, second assistant in the Lincoln District; and that Maria L. Tyler be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Edith A. Pope.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Edith A. Pope, third assistant in the

Lulu A. L. Hill, substitute.

Shurtleff District; and that Lulu A. L. Hill be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Text-Books, it was

Committee on Text-Books granted further time; to report in print.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Text-Books be granted further time in which to present their annual report, and that the committee be authorized to report in print.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the Board adjourned at five minutes before ten o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
*Secretary.*

## In School Committee, April 10, 1883.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Blake, Doherty, Elliott, Flint, and Lasker.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the meeting was called to order by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the rules providing for an election of President *pro tempore* by ballot were suspended. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, Mr. Hobbs was elected President *pro tempore*. Mr. Hobbs elected President *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Williamson, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

### RESIGNATION.

*Hancock District.* — Mary A. P. Cross, fourth assistant, March 7, 1883. Resignation of a teacher.

Accepted.

### SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

*Eliot District.* — Alice A. Averill, from Jan. 23, 1883. Special assistant, Primary School.

Accepted.

### TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

*Andrew District.* — Emma C. Stuart, third assistant, from April 2, 1883. Temporary teachers.

*Lawrence District.* — Mary J. Buckley, third assistant, from March 18, 1883.

*Lincoln District.* — Louise A. Pieper, fourth assistant, from April 2, 1883.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

*Bunker Hill District.* — Jennie F. White, fourth assistant, from March 12, 1883.

*Dearborn District.* — Mary A. P. Cross, second assistant, Primary Department, from March 8, 1883.

*Hancock District.* — Agnes L. Dodge, fourth assistant, from March 8, 1883.

*Lawrence District.* — Nellie R. Grant, third assistant, third year, from Feb. 26, 1883.

*Norcross District.* — Kate E. Fitzgerald, fourth assistant, from Feb. 1, 1883.

*Prince District.* — Sylvester Brown, sub-master, tenth year, from April 16, 1883.

*Warren District.* — Anna M. Pond, third assistant, from March 5, 1883.

*Wells District.* — Elizabeth Campbell, fourth assistant, from April 1, 1883.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of a teacher.

*Bigelow District.* — Kate A. Coolidge, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of teachers.

*Harvard District.* — Martha H. Palmer, third assistant, to the position of fourth assistant in the Lyman District, from April 1, 1883; Lucy A. Wilson, third assistant, to the position of fourth assistant in the Bunker Hill District, from March 12, 1883.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until July 1, 1883, be granted to George W. Neal, master of the Quincy School.

Leave of absence to George W. Neal.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Rebecca L. Duncan, first assistant in the Brimmer District.

Leave of absence to Rebecca L. Duncan.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until July 1, 1883, be granted to Anna Leach, second assistant in the Gaston District; and that Maria L. Tyler be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Anna Leach.

Maria L. Tyler, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Sarah M. Tripp, third assistant in the Lincoln District; and that Katharine G. Sullivan be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Sarah M. Tripp.

Katharine G. Sullivan, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Martha Yeaton, fourth assistant in the Frothingham District; and that Sarah J. Welch be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Martha Yeaton.

Sarah J. Welch, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Mary W. Smith, fourth assistant in the Prescott District.

Leave of absence to Mary W. Smith.

On motion of Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Cora F. Plummer.

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence, from April 1, 1883, be granted to Cora F. Plummer, fourth assistant in the Harris District.

On motion of Mr. Porter, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Marion B. Sherburne.

Laura L. Brown, substitute.

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence be granted to Marion B. Sherburne, third assistant in the Harris District; and that Laura L. Brown be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Isadora Bonney.

Annie M. Olsson, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until June 1, 1883, be granted to Isadora Bonney, third assistant in the Sherwin District; and that Annie M. Olsson be approved as her substitute.

Petition for school accommodations at Clarendon Hills.

Mr. Gaffield presented a petition, signed by George F. Weeks and twenty-two others, residents of Clarendon Hills, praying for school accommodations in that neighborhood.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Moran, it was

Edition of Superintendent's Report.

*Ordered*, That two thousand additional copies of the Superintendent's Report (Doc. 4, 1883) be printed.

Death of Elizabeth W. Pond.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, reported the death of Elizabeth W. Pond, late fourth assistant in the Dillaway District.

Placed on file.

Ballot for principal of Horace Mann School.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the Board proceeded to ballot for the principal of the Horace Mann School for the Deaf.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Gaffield, Hyde, and Naphen a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 15; necessary for a choice, 13.

Sarah Fuller had 15 votes, and was accordingly declared reëlected principal of the Horace Mann School for the ensuing school year.

Sarah Fuller elected principal Horace Mann School.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — March 13 — an order that additional yard-room be provided for the Dorchester-Everett school-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on School-houses.

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to purchase additional land for the Dorchester-Everett grammar and primary school-yards, viz.: fifty feet on Sumner street, and from rear of present lot, thirty feet wide, to Davis place.

Additional land for Dorchester-Everett school-yard.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 27 — an order that the City Council be requested to purchase land to enlarge the yard of the Atherton school-house, reported that the size of the present building does not warrant the purchase of additional land at this time; but should the building be enlarged, as has been contemplated, additional land may be required in the future. The committee recommended that no action be taken at the present time.

Report Committee on School-houses on enlargement of yard of Atherton school-house.

Accepted.

Mr. Chapin presented the following communication: —

CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE,
2 PEMBERTON SQUARE, BOSTON, April 4, 1883.

Communication from Corporation Counsel, on salary of Mary A. P. Cross.

WILLIAM J. PORTER, *Esq.*, *Auditing Clerk, School Committee*: —

DEAR SIR, — In my opinion, the School Committee, by its order of March 27, placing M. A. P. Cross upon the sixth year of service in her grade, to date from April 1, 1882, does not

authorize the payment to her of additional compensation for services rendered prior to the passage of the order.

Very respectfully,
E. P. NETTLETON,
*Corporation Counsel.*

Placed on file.

Rules suspended.

Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, the Board, under a suspension of the rules, reconsidered the vote whereby the order of March 27, concerning the salary of M. A. P. Cross, was passed.

The order was recommitted to the Committee on Salaries.

Special assignment postponed: rank and salary of subordinate instructors in High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the special assignment for 8 o'clock, viz.: the rank and salaries of subordinate instructors in High Schools, was specially assigned to 8 o'clock of the next regular meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Use of Sharp school-house for vacation school.

*Ordered*, That the use of the Sharp school-house, on Anderson street, be granted to Mrs. James Brown and associate applicants, for the purposes of a vacation school.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Elizabeth M. Turner.

Benson B. Banker, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Elizabeth M. Turner, third assistant in the Eliot District; and that Benson B. Banker be approved as her substitute.

The Chair read the following communication: —

Petition of Mass. College of Pharmacy for use of hall of English High school-house.

BOSTON, MASS., April 9, 1883.

HON. ALBERT PALMER, *Mayor, President Boston School Board:* —

DEAR SIR, — The Mass. College of Pharmacy hereby petition the Honorable School Board of Boston, for the use of the Exhibition Hall of the English High School, on the evening of Wednesday, April 25, for the purpose of holding their Com-

mencement exercises; the petitioners to pay for the expense of lighting up the premises.

On behalf of the College, I have the honor to subscribe myself

Respectfully yours,
HENRY CANNING,
*President.*

Referred to the Committee on High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the above vote was reconsidered.

Reconsideration.

The request for the use of the hall was refused.

Mr. Gaffield, having filed with the Secretary his intention of so doing, moved a reconsideration of the votes whereby the reports of the Committee on Salaries, — March 27, — on the salaries of M. Lizzie Bryant and Mary L. Bibbey, were accepted.

Reconsideration; salaries of M. Lizzie Bryant and Mary L. Bibbey.

The votes were reconsidered, and the reports recommitted to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

*Ordered*, That the salaries of all instructors now in the service of the city be continued through the month of April on the basis of last year's salaries, any change in the same to be adjusted thereafter.

Salaries of instructors continued unchanged through April.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, it was

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to consider the expediency of amending the rules so as to provide that the outside doors of school-houses shall be kept unlocked during school hours, and that the committee report at the next meeting of the Board.

Outside doors of school-houses to be kept unlocked during school hours; amendment proposed.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

*Ordered*, That when this Board adjourns, it be to meet on Tuesday, April 24, at 7.30 P.M.

Adjournment.

Special assignment postponed: Revised form of Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the special assignment for 8.30 o'clock, viz.: the revised form of the Rules and Regulations, was specially assigned to 8.30 o'clock of the next regular meeting of the Board.

Mr. Gaffield offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the following be added to Section 166 of the Regulations: —

Precautions in case of fire in school-houses; amendment proposed.

Each principal shall give such instructions to his assistants as will prepare them to act prudently and promptly in case of a fire in their school building; and he shall so train the pupils that at a given signal they will leave the school-house orderly and quickly. The fire-alarm signal shall be given at least once each month from September to April.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Com. on Examinations to report in print on revision of courses of study.

On motion of Miss Peabody, the Committee on Examinations was authorized to report in print on the orders referred to them on the revision of the courses of study.

Mr. Rust, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

MASON ST., April 9, 1883.

Appropriations and expenditures 1882–83, cost per pupil, etc.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council, and the expenditures as incurred by the School Committee, for the present and the past financial year: —

| Object of Appropriation. | Appropriation 1882–83. | Expenditures 1882–83. | Balance Unexpended. | Expenditures 1881–82. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Salaries, Instructors . | $1,133,167 00 | $1,123,154 90 | $10,012 10 | $1,109,635 88 |
| Salaries, Officers . . . | 57,140 00 | 57,038 83 | 101 17 | 55,993 83 |
| School Expenses. Sal., Janitors . | 82,000 00 | 81,281 84 | 718 16 | 79,791 50 |
| School Expenses. Fuel, Gas, Water | 61,000 00 | 60,863 11 | 136 89 | 57,593 17 |
| School Expenses. Supplies and Misc. Ex. . . | 112,700 00 | 90,927 91 | 21,772 09 | 88,577 90 |
| Total . . . . . | $1,446,007 00 | $1,413,266 59 | $32,740 41 | $1,391,592 28 |

Increase in expenses as compared with last year, $21,674.31.

The income will exceed the estimate by about $17,000, which, added to the balance unexpended ($32,740.41), aggregates a reduction in expenses of nearly $50,000 from the net amount provided.

The net expenditure of the School Committee this year will probably not exceed $23.33 per pupil, as compared with $23.79 last year.

For the Committee on Accounts,

JAMES A. FLEMING,
*Chairman.*

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the Board adjourned at half-past eight o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
*Secretary.*

## In School Committee, April 24, 1883.

A regular and adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Doherty, Elliott, Fleming, Flint, Naphen, and Porter.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, under a suspension of the rules, the record of the last meeting was amended as follows: on page 81 of the printed minutes, strike out the name of Maria L. Tyler as a substitute for Anna Leach, second assistant in the Gaston District, and substitute therefor the name of Marie F. Hill. Minutes amended.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving the printed records as amended.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

### RESIGNATION.

*Wells District.* — E. Augusta Browne, fourth assistant, May 1, 1883. Resignation of a teacher.

Accepted.

### TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

*Brimmer District.* — Elizabeth A. Noonan, third assistant, from April 16, 1883. Temporary teachers.

*Dillaway District.* — Mary L. Shepard, fourth assistant, from April 2, 1883.

*Eliot District.* — Elizabeth C. Harding, third assistant, from March 7, 1883.

*Gaston District.* — Margaret M. Burns, fourth assistant, from April 9, 1883.

*Lewis District.* — Sarah E. Rumrill, fourth assistant, from April 2, 1883.

*Quincy District.* — Frances R. Newcomb, fourth assistant, from Feb'y 19, 1883.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

*Allston District.* — Jessie W. Kelley, fourth assistant, from April 1, 1883.

*George Putnam District.* — Belle P. Winslow, second assistant, fifth year, from Feb. 1, 1883.

*Wells District.* — Helen M. Graves, fourth assistant, second year, from May 1, 1883.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

*Comins District.* — Emma E. Lawrence, third assistant.

*Phillips District.* — Alice L. Lanman, third assistant.

Petition of Mary E. Howes, for use of room in Prince school-house for a Kindergarten.

The Chair read a petition signed by Mary E. Howes, and endorsed by 25 others, asking for the use of a room in the Prince school-house, for a free Kindergarten, to be maintained without expense to the city, except that of warming the room.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, reported that they had considered this petition, which was similar to one presented a year ago, and that the committee were of the same opinion now as then, and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

The Chair read a petition signed by C. B. Patten, and 82 others, praying for a new primary school-house in the vicinity of Savin Hill and Dorchester avenues.

Petition for primary school-house at Savin Hill.

Referred to the Committee on the Ninth Division.

The Chair appointed the following committee to make arrangements for, and to take charge of, the annual School Festival: Messrs. Gallagher, Perkins, Crowley, Williamson and Hobbs.

Committee on School Festival.

Mr. Hobbs in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence, until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Sarah Ripley, fourth assistant in the Eliot District; and that Lucy M. A. Moore be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Sarah Ripley.

Lucy M. A. Moore, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence, until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Kate L. Dodge, third assistant in the Eliot District.

Leave of absence to Kate L. Dodge.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, it was

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Drawing and Music be authorized to hold an exhibition of the work from the Evening Drawing Schools, at some time in May, in the drill-hall of the English High and Latin School building.

Exhibition of work from Evening Drawing Schools.

Mr. Moran presented a petition signed by James Maddern, and 60 other residents of Faneuil, praying that better facilities be granted to the school children living in that section.

Petition for school-accommodations at Faneuil.

Referred to the Committee on the Eighth Division.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Annie C. Gott.

*Ordered*, That Annie C. Gott, fourth assistant in the Central District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 5, 1883.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Ida H. Adams.

*Ordered*, That Ida H. Adams, fourth assistant in the Hillside District, be placed upon the sixth year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 1, 1883.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Idella M. Swift.

*Ordered*, That Idella M. Swift, third assistant in the Hillside District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her grade, to date from June 1, 1883.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Petition of Charles H. Wise and others; use of school at Roslindale.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 27 — a petition from German and other residents of Roslindale, praying that permission be granted them to use the vacant school-house on Poplar street, reported, recommending the passage of the following order: —

*Ordered*, That the vacant school-house on Poplar street, West Roxbury, be surrendered to the City Council.

Laid on the table.

Report of Committee on School-houses; petition for school-accommodations at Clarendon Hills.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — April 10 — the petition of George F. Weeks, and others, for school accommodations at Clarendon Hills, reported that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, and recommended the passage of the following order: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to

provide suitable school accommodations for sixty or seventy pupils at Clarendon Hills.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Sewing, reported the death of Mrs. Frances C. Close, late teacher of sewing in the Lyman School.

Death of Mrs. Frances M. Close.

Placed on file.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence, until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Jessie Girdwood, fourth assistant in the Girls' Latin School; and that Louise M. Thurston be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Jessie Girdwood.

Louise M. Thurston, substitute.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence, until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Adelaide E. Somes, third assistant in the Charlestown High School; and that Hattie Mann be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Adelaide E. Somes.

Hattie Mann, substitute.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence, until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Kate M. Murphy, third assistant in the George Putnam District.

Leave of absence to Kate M. Murphy.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence, until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to George T. Wiggin, sub-master in the Lowell District.

Leave of absence to George T. Wiggin.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence, until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Mary F. Baker, fourth assistant in the Lewis District.

Leave of absence to Mary F. Baker.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Ellen H. Holt.

M. Edua Roome, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence, until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Ellen H. Holt, fourth assistant in the Lowell District; and that M. Edna Roome be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Martba A. Cummings.

Mary Trumbull, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence, until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Martha A. Cummings, first assistant in the Comins District; and that Mary Trumbull be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Almira W. Chamberline.

Esther M. Meserve, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence, until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Almira W. Chamberline, second assistant in the Comins District; and that Esther M. Meserve be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Lucy E. Shove.

Emma F. Briggs, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence, until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Lucy E. Shove, third assistant in the Comins District; and that Emma F. Briggs be approved as her substitute.

Special assignment; rank and salary of assistants in the High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the special assignment was considered, being the report of the Committee on Salaries on the rank and salary of assistants in the High Schools, and Mr. Gallagher's motion to substitute the following order for the report: —

*Ordered*, That the Regulations be amended as follows: —

SECTION 246. Substitute the following for paragraphs 3, 4, and 5, —

3. Besides the principal, each High School shall be allo

one instructor, in addition to such special teachers as the Board may appoint, for every thirty-five pupils registered. An additional instructor may be elected for an excess of twenty pupils, and one may be removed for a deficiency of twenty. The salaries of instructors of the third grade, except that of assistant principal, shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding thirteen years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the fourteenth and each subsequent year of service. The committee in charge of any High School may recommend, and the Committee on Nominations, if they deem it advisable, may nominate an assistant, whose term of service shall begin with the salary of any year after the first in the series of thirteen years; and the salary of such instructor, if the nomination be confirmed by the Board, shall be annually increased in the same manner as if the candidate had served during the preceding years of such term. The rank of first assistant shall be abolished, as the position, now recognized, shall become vacant in schools where first assistants are now employed.

4. Instructors of the third grade shall be designated as follows: Assistant Principal, First Assistant, and Assistants.

Paragraph 6. Amended by striking out all of the section to the words "All male instructors," and numbering the paragraph "5" instead of "6."

After a lengthy discussion, on motion of Mr. Darling, the previous question was ordered.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Gallagher's motion, to substitute his order for the report of the Committee on Salaries, passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

*Yeas:* Mrs. Fifield, Miss Peabody, and Messrs. Blake, Crowley, Darling, Davis, Gaffield, Gallagher, Lasker, Perkins, Rust, and Williamson. — 12.

*Nays:* Messrs. Chapin, Cutter, Hyde, Moran, Plummer. — 5.

The order was passed to its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the rules were suspended, and the order was read a second time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, it was

Committee on Industrial Education appointed.

*Ordered*, That a special committee of three, to be known as the Committee on Industrial Education, be appointed to consider and report on the subject, with a view to carrying into effect the recommendations of the Superintendent in his last report.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Perkins, Gaffield, and Crowley as such committee.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

Salaries of instructors of third grade, assistants in High Schools.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Salaries be instructed to report a schedule of salaries for instructors in High Schools, third grade, under the present rules.

On motion of Mr. Rust, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Salary of Elizabeth W. Pond.

*Ordered*, That the salary of Elizabeth W. Pond, deceased, late fourth assistant in the Dillaway District, be paid to Mrs. Nellie Alexander.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Leave of absence to Mary A. Shaw.

Almira I. Wilson, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence, until Sept 1, 1883, be granted to Mary A. Shaw, third assistant in the Chapman District; and that Almira I. Wilson be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Jennie S. Tower.

Emma G. Brown, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence, until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Jennie S. Tower, first assistant in the Franklin District; and that Emma G. Brown be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence, until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Elizabeth J. Brown, third assistant in the Franklin District; and that Nellie J. Breed be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Elizabeth J. Brown.

Nellie J. Breed, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

*Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors now in the service of the city be continued on the basis of last year's salaries, until otherwise ordered, any change to be adjusted hereafter.

Salaries of instructors continued.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the Board adjourned at half-past nine o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
*Secretary.*

## In School Committee, May 8, 1883.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Flint and Naphen.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the meeting was called to order by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the rules providing for an election of President *pro tempore* by ballot were suspended. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, Mr. Hobbs was elected President *pro tempore*. Mr. Hobbs elected President *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the reading of the records of the last meeting were omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

### SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

*Dudley District.* — Lucy G. M. Card, from April 25, 1883; Rosanna Follan, from May 4, 1883. Special assistants, Primary schools.

*Eliot District.* — May L. Gooch, from April 2, 1883.

*Phillips District.* — Carrie L. Baker, from April 23, 1883.

Accepted.

### TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

*Dearborn District.* — Mary J. Mohan, fourth assistant, from April 25, 1883. Temporary teachers.

*Harvard District.* — Eleanore S. Wolff, third assistant, from March 12 to May 1, 1883.

*Minot District.* — Annie T. Kelley, fourth assistant, from April 23, 1883.

*Stoughton District.* — Gertrude L. Howard, fourth assistant, from April 11, 1883.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

*Comins District.* — Annetta F. Armes, second assistant, from May 1, 1883.

*Dearborn District.* — Sarah S. Burrell, fourth assistant, from April 9, 1883.

*Gibson District.* — Carrie L. Floyd, third assistant, from May 1, 1883.

*Harvard District.* — Amy R. Chapman, third assistant, second year, from May 1, 1883; Mary L. Fynes, third assistant, from April 16, 1883.

*Lewis District.* — Sarah E. Rumrill, fourth assistant, from May 1, 1883.

*Lowell District.* — Anna J. Bradley, fourth assistant, from Feb. 12, 1883.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

*Brighton High School.* — Marion A. Hawes, third assistant.

*Girls' High School.* — Clara E. Webster, fourth assistant.

*Gibson District.* — Ida L. Boyden, first assistant.

Accepted.

Report of the Committee on the Ninth Division; Primary school-house at Savin Hill.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, to whom was referred — April 24 — the petition signed by C. B. Patten and others, for a new Primary school-house in the vicinity of Savin Hill and Dorchester ave-

nues, reported that the petition should be granted, and recommend the passage of the following order: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to erect a Primary school-house in the vicinity of Savin Hill and Dorchester avenues.

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Porter, for the same committee, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to cause the partitions to be moved, and to otherwise put in repair the old building used as a Primary school-house in the Mather District, for the better accommodation of the schools.

Repairs of old Mather School-house, Ninth Division.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Porter, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Isabel F. P. Emery, second assistant in the Minot District; and that Harriet E. Tower be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Isabel F. P. Emery.

Harriet E. Tower, substitute.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to furnish additional school accommodations in the Quincy School District.

Additional accommodations, Quincy District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Sarah J. Perkins, third assistant in the Harvard District; and that Margaret J. O'Hea be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Sarah J. Perkins.

Margaret J. O'Hea, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Cook school-house; use of for vacation school.

*Ordered*, That the use of the Cook school-house, Groton street, be granted for a vacation school during the months of July and August, the expense for the same to be defrayed by the parties allowed the use of the building.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, it was

Wait School-house; use of for vacation school.

*Ordered*, That the use of the Wait School-house, Shawmut avenue, be granted for a vacation school during the months of July and August, the expense thereof to be defrayed by the parties allowed the use of the building.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Annie P. James and Betsey P. Burgess.

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Annie P. James, third assistant; and to Betsey P. Burgess, second assistant, Primary Department; in the Brimmer District.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

Elizabeth A. Souther, substitute.

*Ordered*, That Elizabeth A. Souther be approved as a substitute for longer than one month in the Brimmer District.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Lottie B. Hall.

William H. Brown, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence till July 1, 1883, be granted to Lottie B. Hall, second assistant in the Charles Sumner District; and that William H. Brown be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Report of Committee on

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Supplies have

leave to report in print, and that five hundred copies of the report be printed.

Supplies; edition of.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, it was

*Ordered*, That the Secretary be directed to notify the Board of Supervisors, and the principals of High Schools and Grammar School Districts that, in securing instructors for vacancies in the public schools, no inducement in the way of compensation be offered to them other than the minimum salary of the position in which said vacancy may exist.

No inducement to be offered of advanced salary to candidates for vacancies in the position of instructor.

The Chair presented a petition, signed by sixty assistants of the Grammar Schools, praying for an increase in the salaries of the assistants of Grammar Schools.

Petition for increase in salaries of Grammar School assistants.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence till next September, with continuation of salary, be given to Supervisor Samuel W. Mason; and that the Secretary communicate to him the earnest desire of the Board that he take this rest, which he has earned by his long and faithful service.

Leave of absence to Supervisor Samuel W. Mason.

The Chair read the following: —

Resignation of Charles L. Flint, as Vice-President.

BOSTON, May 8, 1883.

HON. ALBERT PALMER, *President of the School Committee*: —

DEAR SIR, — As there appears to be little prospect that I shall be able to perform the duties of Vice-President of the Board for some time to come, I hereby resign that position. Thanking you for your uniform courtesy, and the Board for its generous indulgence,

I am, very truly yours,

CHARLES L. FLINT.

The resignation was accepted.

The Chair stated that, under the rules, the vacancy in the office of Vice-President would be filled at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Perkins offered the following: —

Accommodations for pupils in Wall-street School.

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to take speedy action in regard to a petition signed by 126 citizens, presented to their honorable body in February last, and of which a copy is herewith presented [on file], praying that the Dean Primary School in Wall street, being wholly unfit for occupancy, "may be discontinued, and a proper school-building provided."

Rules suspended.

After discussion the order was withdrawn by Mr. Perkins, and renewed by Mr. Chapin. The order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Sewing, it was

Lydia R. Skinner, temporary teacher of sewing.

*Ordered*, That Lydia R. Skinner be approved as a temporary teacher of sewing in the Lyman District, from April 1 to April 22, 1883.

Reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations; rank of second assistants, Primary School.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Feb. 13 — an order that the rank of second assistant in the Primary Department be abolished, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Precautions in case of fire in school-houses; outside doors of school-houses to be kept unlocked during school-hours.

Mr. Porter, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 10 — an order that the committee consider the expediency of amending the rules, so as to provide that the outside doors of school-houses shall be kept unlocked during school hours; and also an amendment to Section 166 of the Regulations, concerning precautions to be taken in case of a fire in a school-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

*Ordered*, That the Regulations be amended as follows: —

Section 166. Add the following to the section: — "Each principal shall give such instructions to his assistants as will prepare them to act prudently and promptly in case of a fire in their school-building; and he shall so

train the pupils that, at a given signal, they will leave the school-house in order and speedily. The fire-alarm signal shall be given at least once each month from September to April. Each principal shall see that the outside doors of all the school-buildings of his district are kept unlocked during school hours."

Accepted, and the order passed to its second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; Revised form of Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Porter, for the same committee, to whom were re-committed — Feb. 27 — Chapters XI. and XII., of the report of the committee on the revised form of the rules [Doc. 17, 1882], reported that the committee recommend that the following be substituted for Section 115, as contained in the report.

Sect. 115. A superintendent of the public schools shall be elected, by ballot, biennially, beginning at the second regular meeting of the Board in 1876, who shall hold his office for the two years next ensuing. His salary shall be fixed at the same meeting, and at least thirteen votes shall be required for an election.

The committee also recommend the following changes in Chapter XII.

Substitute the following for Section 137 of the report: —

Sect. 137. Biennially, in the month of January, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, beginning in the year 1876, the School Committee shall elect by ballot six supervisors; and shall fill such vacancies as may occur at other times. The votes of a majority of the whole number of the members of the School Committee shall be necessary for a choice.

Section 145. Substitute the words "unless such person has" for the words "or who has not" in the second line from the end of the section. Add the following to the section: "Candidates for the certificate of qualification of the first grade shall be graduates of colleges in

good standing, or of institutions which confer degrees of a corresponding grade.

Accepted.

Revised form of Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the report of the Committee on the revised form of the Rules and Regulations [Doc. 17, 1882] was taken from the table.

Chapter XI. On motion of Mr. Porter, Section 115 as above reported was substituted for Section 115 as printed in the report.

Section 115 was adopted as amended.

Chapter XI. was adopted as amended.

Chapter XII., Section 137. On motion of Mr. Porter, Section 137 as above reported was substituted for Section 137 as printed in the report.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, Section 137 was further amended by inserting before the word "six" in the second line, the words "not exceeding."

Section 137 was adopted as amended.

Section 144. On motion of Miss Peabody, the section was amended so that the section will read "annually in the month of August," etc.

Section 144 was adopted as amended.

Section 145. On motion of Mr. Porter, the section was amended as recommended in the report of the committee, by substituting the words "unless such person has" for the words "or who has not" in the second line from the end of the section; and by adding the following to the section: "Candidates for the certificate of qualification of the first grade shall be graduates of colleges in good standing, or of institutions which confer degrees of a corresponding grade."

Section 145 was adopted as amended.

Chapter XII. was adopted as amended.

Chapter XV. Mr. Gallagher moved to amend Sec-

tion 213 by inserting after the words "in September" the words "and February."

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Hyde, the previous question was ordered. Mr. Gallagher's motion passed by a vote of 12 to 7.

Section 213 was adopted as amended.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the subject was laid on the table.

Reports of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was recommitted — April 10 — an order relative to the salary of M. A. P. Cross, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Salary of M. A. P. Cross.

*Ordered*, That the sum of forty-eight dollars be paid to M. A. P. Cross, second assistant in the Dearborn District, in addition to her salary for the month of May, for services rendered.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Ida H. Adams.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 24 — an order that Ida H. Adams, fourth assistant in the Hillside District, be placed upon the sixth year of service in her grade to date from Sept. 1, 1883, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Salary of Annie C. Gott.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 24 — an order that Annie C. Gott, fourth assistant in the Central District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her grade to date from Sept. 5, 1883, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Salary of M. Lizzie Bryant.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — April 10 — their report on the order concerning the salary of M. Lizzie Bryant, presented to the Board March 27, reported that the order originally referred ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Salary of Mary L. Bibbey.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committtee, to whom was recommitted — April 10 — their report on the order referred relative to the salary of Mary L. Bibbey, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Annual parade School Regiment; prize exhibitions in military drill.

*Ordered*, That the annual parade of the school regiment be appointed for May 18, and that June 4 and 5 be appointed for the prize exhibitions in military drill.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Passage-way and drainage for Dillaway School-heuse.

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to purchase land for a passage-way from the new Dillaway school-building to Washington street, and to provide suitable drainage.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Miss Peabody, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Primary school accommodations, Comins and Lowell Districts.

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide additional primary-school accommodations in the Comins and Lowell Districts.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Mary L. Gore.

Ida F. Taylor, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until July, 1, 1883, be granted to Mary L. Gore, third assistant in the Dillaway District; and that Ida F. Taylor be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the same committee, it was

Roxbury-street school-house; use of for vacation school.

*Ordered*, That permission be granted Mary L. Clark and associate applicants to use the Primary school-house on Roxbury street for the purposes of a vacation

school, from July 9 until August 31, 1883, the same to be without expense to the city.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until July 1, 1883, be granted to Mary K. Wallace, fourth assistant in the Dearborn District.

Leave of absence to Mary K. Wallace.

Miss Peabody offered the following: —

*Whereas*, Members of the Board having observed with regret many instances of extravagant and unsuitable dress at the graduating exercises of different schools last year, they would urge upon the girls who will graduate this year the adoption of such simple and modest attire as is suitable to the occasions, and will be approved by their best and wisest friends.

Simplicity in dress at graduation exercises.

*Ordered*, That the masters of our Grammar Schools be requested to use their influence with these pupils to induce them to avoid extravagant and unbecoming style of dress at the approaching graduation exercises.

The preamble was adopted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the report on the revised form of the Rules and Regulations was taken from the table.

Revised form of Rules and Regulations.

Chapter XVI. On motion of Miss Peabody, Section 228 was amended by substituting the word "shall" for the word "may" in the fifth line.

Section 228 was adopted as amended.

Chapter XVI. was adopted as amended.

Chapter XVII. was adopted as amended at the last meeting of the Board.

Chapter XVIII. On motion of Mr. Moran, Section 268 was amended by substituting the words "Latin Schools" for the words "Girls' Latin School" in the fourth line from the end of the section. On motion of Mr. Gallagher the section was amended by substituting

the word "eleven" for the word "twelve" in the fifth line.

Section 268 was adopted as amended.

Chapter XVIII. was adopted as amended.

Chapter XIX. On motion of Miss Peabody, Section 293 was amended by striking out the last three lines of the section.

Section 293 was adopted as amended.

On motion of Miss Peabody, Section 299 was amended by striking out all of the section after the words "committee in charge may direct," in the third line.

Section 299 was adopted as amended.

On motion of Miss Peabody, Section 302 was amended by striking out the word "sewing" at the end of the section.

Section 302 was adopted as amended.

Chapter XIX. was adopted as amended.

Chapters XX., XXI., XXII., XXIII., XXIV., and XXV. were severally adopted.

Duties of Committee on Examinations.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the following order, presented by him March 13, and at that time laid on the table, was taken from the table: —

*Ordered*, That the whole subject regarding text-books used and to be used in the public schools be delegated to the Committee on Examinations as a part of their functions under the Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Moran moved that the order be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, the Board adjourned at five minutes before ten o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
*Secretary.*

## In School Committee, May 22, 1883.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, and Messrs. Elliott, Flint, and Lasker.

In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the rules providing for an election of president *pro tempore* by ballot were suspended. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, Mr. Hobbs was elected president *pro tempore*. Mr. Hobbs elected President *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Hyde, the Board proceeded to fill the vacancy in the office of Vice-President by ballot. The chair appointed Messrs. Blake, Moran, and Chapin as a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for such officer. The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 14; necessary for a choice, 8. Ballot for Vice-President.

There was one blank.

W. C. Williamson, John C. Crowley, and Dr. Elliott had each one vote; William A. Rust had 2 votes; and George M. Hobbs had 9 votes, and was accordingly declared elected. George M. Hobbs elected.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order took its second reading: —

*Ordered*, That the Regulations be amended as follows, —

Amendment to Regulations: precautions in case of fire in school-houses; outside doors of school-houses to be kept unlocked during school hours.

Section 166. Add the following to the section: —

"Each principal shall give such instructions to his assistants as will prepare them to act prudently and promptly in case of a fire in their school building; and he shall so train the pupils that, at a given signal, they will leave the school-house in order and speedily. The fire-alarm signal shall be given at least once each month from September to April. Each principal shall see that the outside doors of all the school buildings of his district are kept unlocked during school-hours."

Passed.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

*Eliot District.* — Mary L. Gooch, fourth assistant, from May 10, 1883.

*Quincy District.* — Frances R. Newcomb, fourth assistant, from May 19, 1883.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of a teacher.

*Franklin District.* — Fannie B. Wilson, fourth assistant, from March 12, 1883.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

*Dwight District.* — Clara C. Dunn, fourth assistant.

*Franklin District.* — Jennie M. Plummer, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

Petition relative to plan of construction of new Dillaway school-house.

Mr. Moran presented a petition, signed by James Waldock, M.D., relative to the plan of construction of the new Grammar school-house in Kenilworth street.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to place additional windows in the Dorchester-Everett school-house.

Additional windows in Dorchester-Everett school-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the Board proceeded to the election of a Director of Drawing.

Election of Director of Drawing.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, nominated Henry Hitchings for the office.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Perkins, Darling, and Cutter as a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes. The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 15; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13. There were 4 blanks. Henry Hitchings had 15 votes, and was accordingly declared elected Director of Drawing.

Ballot.

Henry Hitchings elected.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — February 13, 1883 — an order that this committee consider the expediency of placing water-filters in the various school-houses, reported that they consider it desirable that such action should be taken. They have had interviews with the representatives of various filter companies, and, in the opinion of this committee an expenditure of $1,000 should be authorized for the purpose named. They, therefore, recommend the passage of the following order: —

Report of the Committee on Supplies; water-filters for school-houses.

*Ordered*, That the sum of $1,000 be expended, under the direction of the Committee on Supplies, for the purpose of placing water-filters in the various school-houses.

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on Supplies, presented the annual report of that committee [Doc. 7] in print, which was accepted.

Annual report of the Committee on Supplies.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, it was

Arithmetical frames, payment for.

*Ordered*, That the sum of $80 be paid to John Gould, for ten arithmetical frames.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Report of Committee on Accounts, edition of.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Accounts have leave to report in print, and that seven hundred copies of the report be printed.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, offered the following: —

Repairs of Lincoln school-house.

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to repair the floors and plastering in the Lincoln school-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Starr King chool-house; use of for a vacaion school.

*Ordered*, That the use of the Starr King school-house, Tennyson street, be granted for a vacation school during the months of July and August, the expense for the same to be defrayed by the parties allowed the use of the building.

Petition from Primary and Grammar school teachers for increase in salary.

The Chair presented a petition signed by 103 of the Primary-School teachers, praying for an increase in salary; also a petition signed by 205 of the Grammar-School teachers praying for an increase in salary.

The petitions were referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

Leave of absence to Amy C. Hudson.

Eleanor S. Wolff, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence, until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Amy C. Hudson, second assistant in the Bunker Hill District; and that Eleanor S. Wolff be approved as her substitute.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Examinations, presented the report of that committee on the revision of the courses of study [Doc. 6]. The following order was appended to the report: —

Report of Committee on Examinations; revision of the courses of study.

*Ordered*, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to revise the present course of study, taking into full consideration the opinions expressed by the masters in their replies to the questions addressed to them, March 27, by the Superintendent, and report to the Board, through the Committee on Examinations.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Miss Peabody, for the same committee, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That eight hundred additional copies of the report of the Committee on Examinations on the revision of the courses of study [Doc 6] be printed.

Additional copies of Doc. 6: Report of the Committee on Examinations in the revision of the courses of study.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the order was amended by substituting the word "twelve" for the word "eight"

The order passed as amended.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Sewing, it was,

*Ordered*, That Lydia R. Skinner be approved as temporary teacher of sewing, in the Lyman District, from April 22 to May 1, 1883.

Lydia R. Skinner, temporary teacher of sewing.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, who were instructed — April 24 — to report a schedule of salaries of instructors of the third grade, assistants in High Schools, reported that, after a careful consideration of the subject, they recommend the schedule of salaries contained in the following orders.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salaries of instructors, third grade, assistants in high schools.

Orders 4 and 5 are to carry out the conditions of the new schedule. For example, a present fourth assistant, appointed September 1, 1872, and who, after a service of ten years, now receives a salary of $948, is not to be

put on the eleventh year of service, but as the next higher salary to $948, in the new schedule, is for the sixth year of service ($996), she is to continue to receive her present salary, and be placed on the sixth year of service from September 1, 1883, the next anniversary of the day of her appointment to her present position. The committee recommend the passage of the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That the salary of a first assistant, third grade, be for the first year $1,440, with an annual increase of $36, till the maximum salary of $1,620 is reached.

2. *Ordered*, That the salary of an assistant, third grade, be for the first year $756, with an annual increase of $48, till the maximum salary of $1,380 is reached; and that the teachers of this grade now in the service of the city be each credited with a sufficient number of years of service to insure her present salary.

3. *Ordered*, That the salary of no teacher of the third grade be reduced, but continued at the present salary until her years of service entitle her to an increase.

4. *Ordered*, That those teachers whose years of service might place them on a higher salary than that which they now receive be placed on the year of service which will give them, under the new schedule, the next higher salary to that which they now receive.

5. *Ordered*, That each teacher entitled to an increase in salary receive such increased salary, from the next anniversary of the day of her appointment to her present position.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the orders were considered separately.

Order No. 1 passed.

Mr. Gallagher moved to amend Order No. 2 so that it shall read

*Ordered*, That the salary of an assistant, third grade, be for the first year $720, with an annual increase of $60, till the maximum salary of $1,500 is reached, etc.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Gallagher's motion to amend the order was lost by the following vote: —

Yeas: Mrs. Fifield, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Blake, Crowley, Gaffield, Gallagher, and Perkins. — 7. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Chapin, Cutter, Davis, Doherty, Fleming, Hyde, Moran, Naphen, Plummer, Porter, Rust, and Williamson. — 12

Miss Peabody moved to amend the order so that it should read

*Ordered*, That the salary of an assistant, third grade, be for the first year $780, with an annual increase of $48, until the maximum salary of $1,500, is reached, etc.

On motion of Mr. Rust the previous question was ordered.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Miss Peabody's motion to amend the order was lost by the following vote: —

Yeas: Mrs. Fifield, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Blake, Crowley, Davis, Gaffield, Gallagher, and Perkins. — 8. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Chapin, Cutter, Doherty, Fleming, Hyde, Moran, Naphen, Plummer, Porter, Rust, and Williamson. — 11.

Order No. 2, as reported by the committee, passed.

Order No. 3 passed.

Order No. 4 passed.

Order No. 5 passed.

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of Idella M. Swift.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — April 24 — an order relative to the salary of Idella M. Swift, reported that Miss Swift surrendered a permanent position at Northampton with the understanding that she was to be appointed as a second assistant. After a short service as temporary second assistant, she was nominated as a third assistant and received the minimum salary of that position. The committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

*Ordered*, That Idella M. Swift, third assistant in the Hillside District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her grade, to date from June 1, 1883.

After discussion the report was recommitted to the Committee on Salaries.

Death of Ellen H. Holt.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, reported the death of Mrs. Ellen H. Holt, late fourth assistant in the Lowell District.

Placed on file.

Miss Peabody offered the following: —

Amendment to Regulations: exercises at exhibitions of Grammar Schools.

*Ordered*, That the Regulations be amended as follows, —

Section 203. Insert after the words "during the year," the following: "The exercises given at the annual exhibitions of the Grammar Schools shall be confined to the graduating classes, with the exception of the singing."

Passed to a second reading.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Miss Peabody, the rules were suspended, and the order was read a second time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes after nine o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
*Secretary.*

## In School Committee, June 12, 1883.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Blake, Elliott, Flint, Naphen, and Perkins.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of the Committee on Nominations.

### SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

*Bennett District.* — Florence Bicknell, from April 24, 1883.

*Brimmer District.* — Elizabeth R. Cummings, from April 17, 1883.

*Dillaway District.* — Kittie Wark, from April 30, 1883.

*Dorchester-Everett District.* — Caroline E. Nutter, from April 23, 1883.

*Eliot District.* — Nellie G. Murphy and Carrie G. McDonald, from April 18, 1883.

Accepted.

### TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

*Andrew District.* — Emily F. Hodsdon, fourth assistant, from April 23, 1883.

*Eliot District.* — Elizabeth C. Harding, third assistant, from June 7, 1883.

*Harvard District.* — Mary J. Mohan, third assistant, from April 9 to 13, 1883, inclusive.

*Lowell District.* — Mary E. Roome, fourth assistant, from May 18, 1883.

*Lyman District.* — Lillian G. Bates and Mary L. Sweeney, fourth assistants, from June 1, 1883.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of a teacher.

*Lawrence District.* — Mary J. Buckley, third assistant, from June 18, 1883.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

*Lawrence District.* — Elizabeth A. Mahoney and Laura S. Russell, fourth assistants.

*Minot District.* — Mary E. Glidden, second assistant.

Accepted.

Reports of the Committee on the Eighth Division: Primary-School accommodations at Faneuil.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, to whom was referred — April 24 — a petition for school accommodations at Faneuil, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide additional Primary-School accommodations at Faneuil (part of Brighton).

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 8 — a petition relative to reopening the Primary school-house at Forest Hills station, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Primary school at Forest Hills station to be reopened.

*Ordered*, That the vacant school-house on Washington street, near Forest Hills station, be opened in Sep-

tember, 1883, for the use of primary-school pupils in the Charles Sumner District.

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Priscilla Johnson, fourth assistant in the Bowditch District.

Leave of absence to Priscilla Johnson.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to L. Maria Stetson, third assistant in the Brimmer District; and that Ida B. Nute be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to L. Maria Stetson.

Ida B. Nute, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1883, be granted to Mary A. H. Fuller, third assistant in the Lincoln District; and that Anna E. Somes be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Mary A. H. Fuller.

Anna E. Somes, substitute.

Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to partition the hall of the Norcross school-house during the summer vacation, so as to make two class-rooms and a hall.

Partition of hall of Norcross school-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to have the out-buildings of the Bunker Hill Primary school-house put in good sanitary condition during the coming vacation.

Out-buildings, Bunker Hill Primary school-house.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division offered the following: —

Fence for Roxbury-street Primary school-house.

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide additional protection besides the low fence now existing, in the yard of the Roxbury-street Primary school-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, it was

Jennie E. Hintz, substitute.

*Ordered*, That Jennie E. Hintz be approved as a substitute for Mary K. Wallace, fourth assistant in the Dearborn District.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, offered the following: —

District lines, Seventh Division.

*Ordered*, That the district lines of the Seventh Division be readjusted.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Examinations, offered the following: —

Examination for certificates of qualification omitted.

*Ordered*, That, in view of the recent examination of candidates for positions as teachers, held by the Board of Supervisors, the examination required by the rules to be held in August be dispensed with this year.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Reports of Committee on School-houses; windows in new Dillaway school-house.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — May 22 — the petition of James Waldock, M.D., relative to the plans of construction of the new Dillaway school-house, by which light is admitted to the rooms from one side only, reported that the committee recognize the apparent error in the plans of construction by which the light is admitted to the school-rooms located in the corners of the building from one side only. They can see no reason why windows

should not be placed on two sides of the rooms so located, when this can be done without seriously impairing the strength of the building; but, having ascertained from the architect now in charge, and from the Superintendent of Public Buildings, that to make the change at this time would seriously interfere with the completion of the building on or before the first day of September next, and as the alteration can be made at any future time without much, if any, additional cost, your committee recommend that no action be taken at the present time.

Accepted.

Repairs of Old Mather school-house.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 8 — an order requesting the City Council to cause certain repairs of the old Mather school-house to be made, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to cause the partitions to be moved, and to otherwise repair the old Mather school-house, Dorchester district, for the better accommodation of the schools.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Primary school-house at Savin Hill.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 8 — an order requesting the City Council to erect a Primary school-house in the vicinity of Savin Hill and Dorchester avenues, reported that the school-house is much needed. There are nearly one hundred children living in that locality to be accommodated; many of them are now obliged to go a mile and a half to the nearest school. Your committee recommend that the following order ought to pass: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to purchase, as soon as may be, a lot of land at or near the corner of Auckland street and Savin Hill avenue, and to

erect thereon a two-room Primary school-house, for the accommodation of the pupils of Savin Hill and vicinity.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Annual report of Committee on Text-books.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Text-books, presented the annual report of that committee in print. [Doc. 5.]

Accepted.

Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the orders appended to the report were specially assigned for consideration to 8 o'clock of the next meeting.

Annual report of Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Rust, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the annual report of that committee in print.

Accepted.

Revised edition of Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on the revised form of the Rules and Regulations was taken from the table.

Mr. Moran's motion to strike out Sections 219 and 220, Chapter XV. [page 53, Minutes], was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Moran, Section 219 was amended by striking out the following words, "during the last hour of the morning session."

Section 219 was adopted as amended.

On motion of Mr. Moran, Section 220 was amended by striking out the words "for two hours each week."

Section 220 was adopted as amended.

Chapter XV. was adopted as amended.

Mr. Cutter offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That Section 182 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the word "district," in the fourth line from the end of the section, the following words: "and sent to some member of the School Committee, or other proper authority, to be signed on behalf of the Board."

Passed to a second reading.

Mr. Cutter offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That Section 239 of the Regulations be amended by adding the following to the section: "A return shall also be made at the same time, and to the same committee, of all such articles furnished for school use from any trust fund held in charge by the city."

Passed to a second reading.

Mr. Gallagher offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That Section 53 of the Rules be amended by striking out all after the words "they shall deem expedient," in the sixth and seventh lines, to and including the words "unless sooner removed by the Board," in the thirteenth line, and inserting in place thereof the following words: "The chief truant-officer and the truant-officers serving at present shall hold their office during good behavior, and until removed by the Board, after a hearing, and for cause shown. When a vacancy occurs this committee shall nominate a suitable person to fill the vacancy. Annually, in the month of March, this committee shall suggest to the Board an appropriate compensation for the truant-officers for the ensuing year."

Passed to a second reading by a vote of 9 to 8.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the following order, presented January 23 [page 20, Minutes], was taken from the table: —

Lists of committees to be presented to the Board.

*Ordered*, That at the first meeting of the Board for organization, the Secretary prepare and place on the desk of each member a list of all the appointments by the Mayor on the various committees of the Board, and also another alphabetical and tabulated list, which shall show at a glance the appointments which each member has received on the Executive Standing Committees, and

on the committees connected with the Special Schools and School Divisions.

The order was lost.

Mr. Darling moved to amend Section 187 of the Regulations so that the section shall read, "Whenever a teacher is absent for more than one day, a substitute holding a certificate of the proper grade shall be employed by the principal, or by the committee in charge."

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Cushman school-house; use of for a vacation school.

*Ordered*, That the use of the Cushman school-house be granted to Mrs. Mary Lodge, for a vacation school, from July 5 to August 25, the same to be without expense to the city.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, for the same committee, it was

Chardon-court Primary school-house; use of for a vacation school.

*Ordered*, That the use of the Chardon-court Primary school-house be granted to Mr. F. I. Stimson and others for a vacation school, from July 5 to August 25, the same to be without expense to the city.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on the Annual School Festival, it was

Annual School Festival.

*Ordered*, That the Annual School Festival be held on Saturday, June 30.

On motion of Mr. Moran, it was

Holiday.

*Ordered*, That there be no sessions of the public schools on Monday, June 18.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Doherty, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Sessions of Chapman School.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the First Division have discretionary power to close the Chapman School before the usual time, on account of alterations, if in their opinion it becomes necessary.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the orders appended to the Report of the Committee on Salaries [Doc. 2] were taken from the table. [See Minutes, page 64.]

Salaries of teachers.

The question was on the passage of the orders.

Order No. 1: *Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors of the public schools for the ensuing year be the same as for the preceding year, as contained in the following schedule. [See Doc. 2.]

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the order was amended by striking out under the heading "Third Grade, High Schools" all beginning with the words "Second Assistants," and inserting in place thereof the following: "Assistants, first year, $756; annual increase $48; maximum $1,380."

The order passed as amended.

Order No. 2: *Ordered*, That masters elected as principals of High Schools, whose average whole number for the preceding school year exceeds one hundred pupils, receive $288; sub-masters elected as principals, $216; first assistants, elected as principals, $72; each, in addition to the regular salary of the rank.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes after nine o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
*Secretary.*

## In School Committee, June 26, 1883.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Davis, Elliott, and Flint.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order was read a second time: —

*Ordered*, That Section 239 of the Regulations be amended by adding the following to the section: "A return shall also be made at the same time, and to the same committee, of all such articles furnished for school use from any trust fund held in charge by the city."

Amendment to Regulations; articles furnished by trust funds.

Passed.

The following order was read a second time: —

*Ordered*, That Section 182 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the word "district," in the fourth line from the end of the section, the following words: "and sent to some member of the School Committee, or other proper authority, to be signed on behalf of the Board."

Amendment to Regulations; certificates of attendance.

Passed.

The following order was read a second time: —

*Ordered*, That Section 53 of the Rules be amended by striking out all after the words "they shall deem expedient," in the sixth and seventh lines, to and including the words "unless sooner removed by the Board," in the thirteenth line, and inserting in place thereof the

Amendment to Regulations; term of office of truant officers.

following words: "The chief truant-officer and the truant-officers serving at present shall hold their office during good behavior and until removed by the Board after hearing and for cause shown. When a vacancy occurs this committee shall nominate a suitable person to fill the vacancy. Annually, in the month of March, this committee shall suggest to the Board an appropriate compensation for the truant-officers for the ensuing year."

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Blake, the previous question was ordered.

The Chair declared the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the yeas and nays were ordered to verify the vote.

The order was lost by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

*Yeas:* Mrs. Fifield, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Gaffield, Gallagher, Perkins, Porter, Rust, and Williamson. — 8.

*Nays:* Messrs. Blake, Chapin, Crowley, Cutter, Darling, Doherty, Fleming, Hobbs, Hyde, Lasker, Moran, Naphen, and Plummer. — 13.

Special assignment; report of Committee on Text-Books.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the special assignment, being the consideration of the orders appended to the report of the Committee on Text-Books, was postponed for ten minutes.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

*West Roxbury High School.* — Mary L. Charles, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1883.

*George Putnam District.* — Kate M. Murphy, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1883.

*Wells District.* — Lavinia M. Allen, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1883.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

*Eliot District.* — Hermann B. Boisen, sub-master. Confirmation of a teacher.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

*Wells District.* — Eliza A. Freeman, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, the transfer to take effect Sept. 1, 1883. Transfer of a teacher.

Accepted.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on Truant-Officers, reported the following nominations of truant-officers for the year 1883–84: — Report of Committee on Truant-Officers; nomination of truant officers.

Chase Cole, *Chief;* Charles E. Turner, George M. Felch, George Murphy, James Bragdon, Abraham M. Leavitt, Edward F. Mecuen, Charles S. Wooffindale, Hannibal F. Ripley, Warren A. Wright, Dennis Moore, Jeremiah M. Swett, Samuel McIntosh, Warren J. Stokes, James P. Leeds, Richard W. Walsh, Sumner P. White, and William Sullivan.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Moran, it was

*Ordered*, That the Board of Supervisors be instructed to consider the expediency of abolishing the recess in the public schools, and report to this Board at the second regular meeting in September next. Abolition of recess in public schools.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported for confirmation the following nominations of instructors in the Evening Drawing Schools, for the term of 1883–84: — Nomination of teachers, Evening Drawing Schools.

*Masters.* — George H. Bartlett, Otto Fuchs.

*Head Assistant.* — Charles M. Carter.

*Assistants.* — Albert H. Munsell, Adelaide C. Palmer, George Jepson, Walter F. Brackett, Henry K. Burrison, Charles L. Adams, Edward W. Hamilton, John L. Frisbee, and S. Herbert Adams.

Accepted, and the subordinate teachers confirmed.

Election of masters, Evening Drawing Schools.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the Board proceeded to ballot for masters of Evening Drawing Schools.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Williamson, Perkins, and Blake as a committee to receive and sort the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice, 13. George H. Bartlett had 22 votes, and Otto Fuchs had 21 votes, and George H. Bartlett and Otto Fuchs were accordingly declared elected as masters of Evening Drawing Schools for the term 1883–84.

Report of Committee on Accounts; water-filters for school-houses.

Mr. Fleming, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — May 22, 1883 — an order reported by the Committee on Supplies, that the sum of one thousand dollars be expended under their direction for the purpose of placing water-filters in the various school-houses, submitted the following report: —

That the committee first considered if the money appropriated for school purposes would warrant the outlay, none having been requested or appropriated for this specific item, and decided that if that amount were expended it would be at the risk of exceeding the appropriation, which, in their opinion, should not be incurred, excepting for an expenditure absolutely necessary.

Secondly, that the committee considered the propriety of placing filters in the buildings at this time, and came to the conclusion that such action should be deferred, as the present Water Board, in whom the committee have great confidence, are doing all in their power to so purify the water that it may be a question of a very short time

that filters will be needed. Certainly your committee do not feel like anticipating unfavorable results from their labors.

For these reasons, briefly stated, the committee recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the special assignment was postponed five minutes. Special assignment.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was recommitted — May 22 — the report relative to the salary of Idella M. Swift, reported that the following order ought to pass: — Report of Committee on Salaries; Salary of Idella M. Swift.

*Ordered*, That Idella M. Swift, third assistant in the Hillside District, be placed upon the sixth year of service in her grade, to date from July 1, 1883.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: — Compensation to Anna G. Wells, as assistant in Evening-School.

*Ordered*, That the sum of fifteen dollars be paid to Anna G. Wells for two weeks' service as assistant in the Hudson-street Evening School during the term of 1881–82, she having rendered such service before it was ascertained that she held no certificate from the Board of Supervisors.

Referred to Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, it was

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to enclose the small lot of land belonging to the city, adjoining the Wait School-house on Shawmut avenue. Land adjoining Wait school-house to be enclosed.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Examinations have authority to report in print the revised Courses of Study. Revised Courses of Study to be printed.

Results of recent examination for certificates of qualification.

Miss Peabody, for the same committee, presented the following report of the Board of Supervisors on the results of the recent examination for certificates of qualification: —

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
MASON STREET, June 12, 1883.

*To the Committee on Examinations:—*

The Board of Supervisors directed its Committee on Certificates to report to you the following general results of the April examination of candidates for certificates of qualification to teach in the Boston public schools: —

| | First grade. | Second grade. | Third grade. | Fourth grade. | Special grade. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No of candidates present at the examination | 15 | 24 | 37 | 56 | 1 | 133 |
| No. who withdrew from the examination | . . | . . | 1 | 5 | . . | 6 |
| No. of cases postponed | 2 | . . | . . | . . | . . | 2 |
| No. to whom certificates were refused | 3 | 6 | 16 | 4 | . . | 29 |
| No. to whom certificates were granted | 10 | 18 | 20 | 47 | 1 | 96 |
| No. who, having been refused higher certificates, were granted lower certificates, | . . | 2 | . . | 12 | 1 | 15 |
| Whole number to whom certificates were granted | 10 | 20 | 20 | 59 | 2 | 111 |
| The number of these who had held certificates of a lower grade | 1 | 2 | 9 | 1 | . . | 13 |
| The number to whom certificates were granted for the first time | 9 | 18 | 11 | 58 | 2 | 98 |

Yours respectfully,

ELLIS PETERSON,
*For the Committee.*

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

*Ordered*, That Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw be allowed the use of rooms in the Cyrus Alger School-house for six weeks during the summer vacation, the same to be without expense to the city.

Cyrus Alger School-house; use of for a vacation-school.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on the Annual School Festival, it was

*Ordered*, That the thanks of the School Board be tendered to Messrs. Chickering & Sons for the loan of a grand piano for use at the rehearsal for the musical festival.

Vote of thanks to Chickering & Sons for loan of piano.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That an additional amount of five hundred dollars be appropriated for the expenses of the Annual School and Music Festivals, to be held June 30, 1883.

Additional appropriation for Annual School and Musical Festivals.

The Chair read the following: —

BOSTON, June 26, 1883.

*To the President of the School Board:* —

DEAR SIR, — I respectfully request to be relieved from further service as a member of the Third Division Committee, and herewith tender my resignation as such.

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES C. PERKINS.

Resignation of Charles C. Perkins as a member of Committee on Third Division.

The resignation was not accepted.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the special assignment, being the consideration of the orders appended to the report of the Committee on Text-Books [Doc. 5], was taken up.

Special assignment; report of the Committee on Text-Books.

The order under "Primary Schools" was considered.

1. *Ordered*, That Magnus and Jeffries' color chart and "color blindness," by Dr. B. Joy Jeffries, be added to the list; one copy of the chart and one copy of the book to be supplied for use in the Primary Schools of each district. Additional charts and books to be sup-

plied in those districts where the Committee on Supplies consider them needed.

Passed.

The orders under "Grammar Schools" were considered.

2. *Ordered*, That Franklin Elementary Arithmetic be authorized for use as a text-book in the sixth class.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the order was amended by striking out all after the words Franklin Elementary Arithmetic, and inserting in place thereof the following: "One or more sets for each Grammar School, to be used by the sixth class for both oral and written arithmetic; and to be occasionally used by other classes, especially for arithmetic at sight. The number of sets, and the number in a set, to be determined by the needs of the school and the size of the classes, — each pupil of the sixth class having one book."

The order passed as amended.

3. *Ordered*, That the Child's Book of Language, by J. H. Stickney, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Grammar Schools; numbers 1–4 of the larger series to follow number 4 of the smaller series.

Passed.

4. *Ordered*, That Appleton's writing-books be authorized for use in the Grammar Schools.

On motion of Mr. Blake, it was

*Ordered*, That when the question be taken it be by yeas and nays.

The Chair read an extract from an opinion of the Corporation Counsel on the subject of changes in text-books, as follows: —

. . . . "I think the terms of the proposed order should be made so plain as to leave no room for construction. If the intention of the mover be to *substi-*

*tute* a new book for one now in use, the order should so state; and such an order would require for its passage a vote of two-thirds of the whole School Committee. But if the intention be merely to add a new book to the list, for use in cases where no substitution would be required, as, for example, in the case of incoming classes, the order should clearly express this intention; and such an order might be passed by an ordinary vote. Section 34, Chapter 44 of the Public Statutes should not be read alone, but in connection with Section 35."

The Chair stated that the order, if adopted, would allow the displacement of books now used, and he ruled that it would require for the passage of the order a vote of two-thirds of the whole Board.

Mr. Moran moved to amend the order by adding the following words: "in incoming classes."

The Chair stated that, if the order was amended as proposed, he should rule that it would still require a two-thirds vote to pass the order.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Plummer, the previous question was ordered.

Mr. Gaffield moved to reconsider the vote whereby the yeas and nays were ordered.

Lost.

Mr. Moran's amendment was lost by a vote of 7 to 11.

The order was lost by the following vote: —

*Yeas:* Messrs. Blake, Crowley, Fleming, Moran, Naphen, and Perkins. — 6.

*Nays:* Mrs. Fifield, Miss Peabody; Messrs. Chapin, Cutter, Darling, Doherty, Gaffield, Gallagher, Hobbs, Hyde, Lasker, Plummer, Porter, and Williamson. — 14.

5. *Ordered*, That Lingard's History of England be authorized for use as a reference-book in the Grammar Schools.

Passed.

6. *Ordered*, That Hughes's series of maps be authorized for use in the Grammar Schools.

Passed.

The orders under "High Schools" were considered.

7. *Ordered*, That Avery's Chemistry be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

The order was lost by the following vote: —

*Yeas:* Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Crowley, Doherty Fleming, Gaffield, Gallagher, Hyde, Lasker, Moran, Naphen, Plummer, and Williamson. — 12.

*Nays:* Messrs. Blake, Chapin, Cutter, Darling, Hobbs, Perkins, and Porter. — 7.

8. *Ordered*, That the following books be dropped from the list of authorized text and reference books: —

*High Schools:* College Series of German Plays, Holt's edition; Bradbury's Elementary Trigonometry; Peck's Analytical Geometry; Ganot's Physics; Porter's Elements of Intellectual Science; Peabody's Moral Philosophy; Bulfinch's Selections from Shakespeare.

*Latin Schools:* The Boy's Froissart; Hughes's Tom Brown's School Days at Rugby; Charles and Mary Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare; Dana's Two Years before the Mast; Scott's Marmion; Scott's Lay of the Last Minstrel; Apgar's Plant Analysis; Agassiz' Sea-side Studies; Tower's Intellectual Algebra; Pierce's Plane and Solid Geometry; Questions and Notes on Physics, by Merton S. Keith.

*Reference Books:* Walter Smith's Teacher's Manual of Free-hand Drawing; Guyot's Earth and Man; Hawes's Synchronology of Ancient and Modern History; Chambers's Cyclopædia of English Literature.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the order was amended by striking out the words, "Hughes's Tom Brown's School Days at Rugby," "Dana's Two Years before the Mast."

The order passed as amended.

9. *Ordered*, That the books mentioned in School Document 5, of 1883, under the heading, Supplementary Reading (permanent and circulating library plan), be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the public schools. The number of sets to be used, and the distribution and assignment of books, to be in accordance with the plans presented in this document [Doc. 5, 1883].

On motion of Mr. Moran, the order was amended by inserting after the words "library plan," the following words: "excepting Charles and Mary Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare."

The order passed as amended.

10. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Text-Books be granted further time in which to report suitable text-books in English history, spelling, and mental arithmetic.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the report of the Committee on Text-Books, as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

Additional appropriation for Annual School and Music Festivals.

Mr. Fleming moved to reconsider the vote whereby the order was passed appropriating an additional sum for the Annual School and Musical Festivals.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Hyde, the previous question was ordered.

Mr. Fleming's motion to reconsider passed.

Suspension of rules.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the order was passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Hyde offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Text-Books be instructed to report a spelling-book, mental arithmetic, and a history for the first class at the first meeting in September next.

Mr. Blake moved to lay the order on the table.

Lost, by a vote of 4 to 9.

The order passed.

Report of Committee on Examinations on the reëxamination of diploma examination-papers of the Grammar Schools.

On motion of Miss Peabody, the report of the Committee on Examinations, presented March 13 [See minutes, page 65], relative to the reëxamination of diploma examination-papers, was taken from the table and accepted.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

*Ordered*, That the Board of Supervisors be directed to examine the diploma examination-papers of this year, of one-fourth of all the Grammar and High Schools, and report the results of such examination to the Committee on Examinations.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, the Board adjourned at ten minutes after ten o'clock, to meet Tuesday, September 11, at half-past seven o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
*Secretary.*

## In School Committee, July 10, 1883.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: all the members except His Honor, the Mayor, Messrs. Blake, Crowley, Elliott, Fleming, Flint, Hyde, Naphen, Perkins, Plummer, and Rust.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

### SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

*Hancock District.* — Albertine A. Martin, from June 5 to 26, 1883, inclusive. Special assistant, Primary School.

Accepted.

### ON PROBATION.

*West Roxbury High School.* — Josephine L. Sanborn, assistant, fourth year, from Sept. 3, 1883. Nomination of a teacher.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the Rules and Regulations as adopted by chapters, were adopted as a whole.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to furnish new heating-apparatus for the Dearborn school-house for the present summer. New heating-apparatus, Dearborn school-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

Certificate of service to Annie S. Hayward.

*Ordered*, That the Board of Supervisors be authorized to issue a certificate of service of the fourth grade to Mrs. Annie S. Hayward, formerly first assistant in the Comins District.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the same committee, it was

Drawing in third year of High-School course.

*Ordered*, That Drawing, in the third year of the High-School course of study, be made an alternative with Solid Geometry only, with the recommendation that boys who cannot take the musical course with profit shall give that hour to drawing, unless they are already giving two hours to that study.

Reports of Committee on School-houses. Additional windows in Dorchester-Everett school-house; repairs of Lincoln school-house.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom were referred, with full powers, orders for additional windows for the Dorchester-Everett school-house, and repairs in the Lincoln school-house, reported that the matters had been considered by the committee, and transmitted to the City Council.

Accepted.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 12 — an order relative to additional protection for the yard of the Roxbury-street Primary school-house, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Protection for yard of Roxbury-street school-house.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to provide additional protection besides the low fence now existing in the yard of the Roxbury-street Primary school-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 12 — an order that the district-lines of the Seventh Division be readjusted, reported that the following orders ought to pass : —

*Ordered*, That the district lines of the Dillaway and Dudley School Districts be as follows: District lines, Seventh Division.

*Dillaway District.* — Beginning at the junction of Washington and Ruggles streets; thence through the centres of Ruggles, Tremont, Clay, Elmwood, and Gardner streets, to Centre street; thence by north-westerly side of Centre to Cedar street; thence by centre of Centre to Marcella street; thence by the north-easterly side of Marcella, excluding Vale street, to Washington street; thence by the centre of Washington to Hulbert street; thence by both sides of Hulbert and Ray streets to Regent street; thence by the south-easterly side of Regent to Circuit Street; thence by centres of Circuit street, Walnut avenue, Warren street, Forest avenue, Moreland, Cleveland, and Winthrop streets, to M.E. Church; thence by a straight line along the easterly side of the cemetery to Pevear court; thence by both sides of Pevear court, and centres of Dudley street and Harrison avenue, to the old Roxbury line; thence by said line to Washington street; thence by centre of Washington street to the point of beginning.

*Dudley District.* — Beginning at the junction of Washington and Ruggles street; thence through the centre of Ruggles street to B. & P. R.R.; thence by said railroad to Prentiss street; thence by northerly side of Prentiss to Tremont street; thence by the centre of Tremont, Pynchon, Cedar, and Centre streets to Marcella street; thence by the north-easterly side of Marcella, excluding Vale street, to Washington street; thence by centre of Washington to Hulbert street; thence by both sides of Hulbert and Ray streets to Regent street; thence by the south-easterly side of Regent to Circuit street; thence by centres of Circuit street, Walnut avenue, Warren street, Forest avenue, Moreland, Cleve-

land, and Winthrop streets, to M.E. Church; thence by a straight line along the easterly side of the cemetery to Pevear court; thence by both sides of Pevear court and centre of Dudley street and Harrison avenue to the old Roxbury line; thence by said line to Washington street; thence by centre of Washington street to the point of beginning.

*Ordered*, That the district lines of the other school districts in the Seventh Division be changed to conform to the above changes.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the Board adjourned at eight o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,

*Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 11, 1883.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Darling, Doherty, Elliott, and Fleming.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

*Girls' Latin School.* — Abby Leach, assistant, Sept. 1, 1883. Resignations of teachers.

*English High School.* — Albert Hale, master, Sept. 1, 1883.

*Girls' High School.* — Samuel Thurber, master, Sept. 1, 1883.

*High Schools.* — Marie C. Ladreyt, teacher of French, Sept. 1, 1883.

*Bennett District.* — Emma F. Chesley, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1883.

*Chapman District.* — Grace E. Shaw and Mary A. Shaw, third assistants, Sept. 1, 1883.

*Charles Sumner District.* — Cora I. Bates, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1883.

*Dearborn District.* — Annie M. Croft, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1883.

*Harris District.* — Marion B. Sherburne, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1883.

*Harvard District.* — Edith W. Howe and Jennie E. Howard, third assistants, Sept. 1, 1883.

*Lowell District.* — George T. Wiggin, sub-master, Sept. 1, 1883.

*Prescott District.* — Mary W. Smith, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1883.

*Stoughton District.* — Julia B. Worsley, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1883.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Special assistant, Primary School.

*Stoughton District.* — Maria A. Shields, from Sept. 3, 1883.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

*Charles Sumner District.* — Catharine S. Summers, fourth assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Dearborn District.* — Mary J. Mohan, third assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Harvard District.* — Eudora F. Sumner, third assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Mather District.* — Charlotte L. Voigt, third assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

*Girls' Latin School.* — Mary S. Locke, assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Charlestown High School.* — Ella F. Brown, assistant, from Sept. 5, 1883.

*English High School.* — William H. Sylvester, junior master, third year, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Girls' High School.* — Katharine H. Shute, assistant, from Sept. 17, 1883.

*Bennett District.* — Lily B. Atherton, second assistant, from Sept. 17, 1883; Margaret I. Scollans, fourth assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Chapman District.* — Jennie L. Waterbury and Almira I. Wilson, third assistants, from Sept. 10, 1883.

*Charles Sumner District.* — Florence E. Leadbeater, fourth assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Harvard District.* — Ida B. Nute, third assistant, third year, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Prescott District.* — Mary E. Mailman, fourth assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Stoughton District.* — Gertrude L. Howard, fourth assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

*Andrew District.* — Mary A. Jenkins, second assistant, Primary Department; Charlotte N. Lothrop, third assistant.

*Chapman District.* — Augustus H. Kelley, submaster.

*Dorchester-Everett District.* — Anna M. Fries, third assistant.

*Lawrence District.* — Lena J. Crosby, fourth assistant.

*Lincoln District.* — Cora S. Locke, third assistant.

*Mather District.* — Mary L. Hunt, fourth assistant.

*Minot District.* — Charlotte H. Johnson, third assistant.

*Norcross District.* — Hannah L. McGlinchey, fourth assistant.

*Stoughton District.* — Carrie M. Watson, third assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

*Charlestown High School.* — Emma G. Shaw, assistant, to the same position in the Girls' High School, the transfer to date from Sept. 1, 1883.

Accepted.

Additional primary-school accommodations in the Bennett District.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide additional primary-school accommodations in the Bennett District.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was,

Leave of absence to Grace A. Vose.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Dec. 1, 1883, be granted to Grace A. Vose, fourth assistant in the Mather District.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Additional primary-school accommodations in the Comins District.

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide additional primary-school accommodations in the Comins District.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Additional primary-school accommodations in the Lowell District.

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide additional primary-school accommodations in the Lowell District, there being three primary classes at present unprovided for.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Nov. 1, 1883, be granted to Helen Crombie, fourth assistant in the Lewis District.

Leave of absence to Helen Crombie.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to partition the hall of the Appleton-street primary school-house.

Partition in hall of Appleton-street primary school-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Hobbs offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That before non-resident pupils shall enter any school of the city, a deposit of money, equal to the annual expense, shall be made with the Auditing Clerk of the Board.

Tuition of non-resident pupils.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, who were instructed — June 26 — to report a spelling-book and a mental arithmetic for use as text-books in the Grammar Schools, reported the following titles: Worcester's Spelling Book, Greenleaf's Manual of Mental Arithmetic.

Report of Committee on Text-Books; spelling-book and mental arithmetic.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That the Board of Supervisors be instructed to report at the next meeting of this Board, how a text-book in mental arithmetic can be used to the best advantage in the public schools.

Board of Supervisors to report on use of a text-book in mental arithmetic.

Subsequently Mr. Davis moved that the vote whereby the above order was passed be reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Davis's motion to reconsider was lost by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

*Yeas:* Mrs. Fifield, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Blake, Chapin, Davis, Porter, and Williamson. — 7.

*Nays:* Messrs. Crowley, Flint, Gaffield, Gallagher, Hobbs, Hyde, Lasker, Moran, Naphen, Plummer, and Rust. — 11.

Report of Committee on Text-Books; text-book in English History.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, who were granted further time in which to present a text-book in English History for use in the first classes of the Grammar Schools, reported that it is the unanimous opinion of the committee that the following order ought to pass: —

*Ordered*, That Stone's History of England be authorized for use as a text-book in the first classes of the Grammar Schools.

Accepted, and the order laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Annie P. James. Elizabeth A. Noonan, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Dec. 1, 1883, be granted to Annie P. James, third assistant in the Brimmer District; and that Elizabeth A. Noonan be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

Leave of absence to Amy C. Hudson.

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1884, be granted to Amy C. Hudson, second assistant in the Bunker Hill District.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Sarah J. Perkins.

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence until Oct. 1, 1883, be granted to Sarah J. Perkins, third assistant in the Harvard District.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence until Oct. 1, 1883, be granted to Martha Yeaton, fourth assistant in the Frothingham District. Leave of absence to Martha Yeaton.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to appoint an extra teacher, temporarily, in the Public Latin School. Additional temporary teacher in the Boys' Latin School.

Mr. Flint moved that the rules be suspended so that the order might pass at the present time.

Mr. Moran moved, as an amendment to Mr. Flint's motion, that the order be referred to the Committee on Nominations, with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Blake, Mr. Moran's motion was amended, by adding the words, "and that the committee be instructed to act within two days."

Mr. Moran's motion passed as amended, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Dec. 1, 1883, be granted to Sarah M. Tripp, third assistant in the Lincoln District. Leave of absence to Sarah M. Tripp.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Dec. 1, 1883, be granted to Mary E. Balch, second assistant in the Lincoln District; and that Elizabeth A. Souther be approved as her substitute. Leave of absence to Mary E. Balch. Elizabeth A. Souther, substitute.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to erect a six-room primary school-house, on land owned by the New primary school-house, Fifth Division.

city, on Harrison avenue, between Brookline and Canton streets.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Avon-place primary school-house; yard to be paved.

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to cause the grade of the yard of the Avon-place primary school-house to be raised, and the yard paved with brick.

Mr. Chapin stated that the Committee on School-houses approved the order.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Lydia E. Sawyer.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1884, be granted to Lydia A. Sawyer, fourth assistant in the Everett District.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Sarah E. Crocker. Kittie Wark, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1884, be granted to Sarah E. Crocker, fourth assistant in the Dwight District; and that Kittie Wark be approved as her substitute.

Report of Committee on the First Division; school accommodations on Long and Spectacle Islands.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, to whom were referred — February 27 — petitions for school accommodations on Long and Spectacle Islands, reported that the following orders ought to pass: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to furnish school accommodations on Long Island.

*Ordered*, That the sum of $18.17 per pupil (the cost per pupil for primary-school instruction last year) be allowed and paid to the teacher of the school on Spectacle Island, provided Mr. Ward furnishes suitable

accommodations for the school; the sum to be paid to be based on the average number of pupils attending.

The report was accepted.

The first order passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

The second order was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Sewing, reported, with regret, the death of Mrs. Sarah E. Hamlin, teacher of sewing in the Norcross School. Death of Mrs. Sarah E. Hamlin.

Placed on file.

Miss Peabody, for the same committee, reported for confirmation the nomination of Catherine J. Cadogan, teacher of sewing in the Norcross School, to date from Sept. 5, 1883, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. Hamlin.

The nomination was confirmed.

The Chair presented a petition, signed by Dan Carroll and two hundred and three other citizens and residents of Boston, of Irish birth or descent, praying that a class be formed in the Evening High School, for the study of the Irish language and literature. Petition for class in Irish language and literature in Evening High School.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Mr. Hobbs offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the Rules and Regulations relating to the course of study for the Evening High School be amended by adding "Latin" to the prescribed curriculum. Course of study Evening High School; Latin to be included.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Examinations, reported in print the revised courses of study for Grammar and Primary Schools as prepared and presented to the Committee by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the instructions of the School Board, May 22. The Report of Committee on Examinations; revised courses of study for Grammar and Primary Schools.

committee recommend the adoption of the courses of study as presented.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, the Superintendent was requested to express his opinion as to whether the new course of study imposed more work on the teachers and pupils than did the old course.

In reply the Superintendent stated that the new course required less work than the old. There were many small changes, the net result of which was a reduction of the work. The specific enumeration of topics in the new course, instead of the general designation of a whole subject by one word, as in the old course, in many instances had the effect of limiting and reducing the work required. No technical grammar had been added; the intention had been to reduce that supposed to be required by the old course.

The report was accepted, and the courses of study for the Grammar and Primary Schools were adopted as presented; the courses of study as adopted to go into immediate use.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned at ten minutes after nine o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
*Secretary.*

## In School Committee, Sept. 25, 1883.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Darling, Elliott, Fleming, Hobbs, Moran, Perkins, and Plummer.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

### RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

*Adams District.* — Joel C. Bolan, second assistant, Sept. 3, 1883.

*Allston District* — Jeanie Hosie, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1883.

*Brimmer District.* — Betsey P. Burgess, second assistant, primary department, Sept. 1, 1883.

*Comins District.* — Lillie E. Davis, first assistant, Oct. 1, 1883.

*Dorchester-Everett District.* — Maud M. Clark, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1883.

*Dwight District.* — Lizzie G. Howes, third assistant, Sept. 27, 1883.

*Eliot District.* — Hermann B. Boisen, sub-master, and Elizabeth M. Turner, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1883.

*Everett District.* — Maria S. Whitney, second assistant, Sept. 26, 1883; Anna C. Murdock, third assistant, Sept. 24, 1883.

*Lewis District.* — Mary F. Baker, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1883.

*Lyman District.* — John O. Godfrey, third assistant, Sept. 10, 1883.

*Minot District.* — Charlotte H. Johnson, third assistant, Sept. 13, 1883.

*Phillips District.* — Ida M. Metcalf, first assistant, Sept. 1, 1883.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

*Comins District.* — Miriam Sterne, from Sept. 10, 1883.

*Dorchester-Everett District.* — Annie N. Darling, from Sept. 10, 1883.

*Gibson District.* — Emma A. Cochran, from Sept. 3, 1883.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

*Latin School.* — Henry C. Jones, junior-master, from Sept. 19, 1883.

*Allston District.* — May L. Gooch, fourth assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Charles Sumner District.* — Jennie P. Hews, third assistant, from Sept. 13, 1883.

*Quincy District.* — Frances R. Newcomb, fourth assistant, from Sept. 3 to 4, 1883, inclusive.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

*English High School.* — Rufus P. Williams, junior-master, third year, from Sept. 19, 1883.

*Girls' High School.* — Alla W. Foster, assistant, fourth year, from Sept. 10, 1883.

*Adams District.* — John O. Godfrey, second assistant, from Sept. 10, 1883.

*Allston District.* — Josephine Rice, third assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Charles Sumner District.* — Almira G. Smith, fourth assistant, from Sept. 10, 1883.

*Comins District.* — Edward W. Schnerch, first assistant, from Oct. 1, 1883.

*Dorchester-Everett District.* — M. Rosalia Merrill, fourth assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Eliot District.* — Joel C. Bolan, sub-master, from Sept. 10, 1883; Flora F. Joslin, third assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Everett District.* — Lizzie G. Howes, second assistant, from Sept. 27, 1883; Lucy W. Eaton, third assistant, from Sept. 24, 1883.

*Gibson District.* — Marietta L. Valentine, fourth assistant, from Sept. 10, 1883.

*Lowell District.* — Maurice P. White, sub-master, from Sept. 24, 1883.

*Minot District.* — Annie T. Kelley, fourth assistant, from Sept. 12, 1883.

*Phillips District.* — Clara Bancroft, first assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Wells District.* — Lula A. L. Hill, fourth assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

*Allston District.* — Anna M. Dupee, fourth assistant.

*Comins District.* — Charlotte R. Hale, fourth assistant.

*Dudley District.* — Edith F. Parry, third assistant.

*Everett District.* — Eliza M. Evert, first assistant.

*George Putnam District.* — Laura E. Dyer, third assistant.

*Phillips District.* — Edward P. Shute, sub-master; Mary J. Leahy, fourth assistant.

*Quincy District.* — John O'Driscoll, third assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

*Roxbury High School.* — Helen A. Gardner, assistant, to the same position in the Girls' High School, the transfer to date from Oct. 1, 1883.

*Charles Sumner District.* — Gertrude P. Davis, third assistant, to the same position in the Minot District, the transfer to date from Sept. 13, 1883.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Jennie E. Morse, substitute.

*Ordered*, That Jennie E. Morse be approved as a substitute for Lydia A. Sawyer, fourth assistant in the Everett District.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Abbie M. Holder.

Emma G. Brown, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Dec. 1, 1883, be granted to Abbie M. Holder, third assistant in the Franklin District; and that Emma G. Brown be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Susan S. Foster.

Jane Reid, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1884, be granted to Susan S. Foster, third assistant in the Everett District; and that Jane Reid be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1884, be granted to Anna E. L. Parker, third assistant in the Franklin District; and that Elizabeth R. Wallis be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to A. E. L. Parker.

Elizabeth R. Wallis, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1884, be granted to Mary L. Nichols, fourth assistant in the Dorchester-Everett District; and that Mary Waterman be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Mary L. Nichols.

Mary Waterman, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Porter, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That Elizabeth Donaldson be approved as a substitute for more than one month in the Mather District.

Elizabeth Donaldson, substitute.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported the following resignations of instructors in the Evening Drawing Schools: —

Resignations of instructors in Evening Drawing Schools.

*Master.* — Otto Fuchs.

*Assistants.* — S. Herbert Adams and Edward W. Hamilton.

Accepted.

Miss Peabody, for the same committee, reported the following nominations of instructors in Evening Drawing Schools: —

Nominations of instructors of Evening Drawing Schools.

*Master.* — George Jepson.

*Head-Assistant.* — A. J. Anthony.

*Assistants.* — William S. Robinson, Robert Vonnoh, Henry N. Mudge.

Accepted, and the subordinate teachers confirmed.

On motion of Miss Peabody, the Board proceeded to ballot for a master of Evening Drawing Schools.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Hyde, Chapin, and Rust as a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

Election of master of Evening Drawing Schools.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice, 13. George Jepson had 18 votes, and was accordingly declared elected as a master of the Evening Drawing Schools for the term of 1883–84.

Report of Board of Supervisors on abolishing the recess in the public schools.

Mr. Flint presented the report of the Board of Supervisors on the subject of abolishing the recess in the public schools, submitted in accordance with the order passed by this Board, June 26, 1883.

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Report of Board of Supervisors on use of a text-book in mental arithmetic.

Mr. Blake presented the report of the Board of Supervisors, as to how a text-book in mental arithmetic may be used to the best advantage in the public schools, submitted in accordance with the order passed by this Board, Sept. 11, 1883.

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Leave of absence to Lizzie A. Colligan.

Jane F. Gilligan, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence for one month be granted to Lizzie A. Colligan, fourth assistant in the Comins District; and that Jane F. Gilligan be approved as her substitute.

Miss Peabody, for the same committee, offered the following: —

New Grammar School building, Comins District.

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to erect a new Grammar School building, in the Comins District, to take the place of the old one.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, approved the order.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Davis, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Leave of absence to Eliza Brintnall.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Dec. 1, 1883, be granted to Eliza Brintnall, fourth assistant in the Eliot District.

On motion of Mr. Davis, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1884, be granted to Barbara C. Farrington, second assistant, Primary Department, in the Bowdoin District. Leave of absence to Barbara C. Farrington.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to change the hours of the sessions so that the Evening Schools shall begin at half-past seven and close at half-past nine o'clock, in those sections where it would be for the best interests of the schools to make such change. Sessions of evening schools; hours of.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Rust, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS,
MASON STREET, Sept. 25, 1883. Appropriations and expenditures.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council, for the year 1883–84, together with the expenditures incurred for the first six months of the present financial year, which includes the draft payable October 1st. A statement of the expenses for the corresponding six months of last year is also given.

| Object of Appropriation. | Appropriation, 1883–84. | Expenditures 6 months, 1883–84. | Balance unexpended | Expenditures 6 months, 1882–83. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Salaries, Instructors . . . | $1,143,471 | $554,135 84 | $589,335 16 | $544,351 87 |
| Salaries, Officers . . . . | 58,940 | 29,410 00 | 29,530 00 | 29,016 99 |
| Sch. Expenses. Salaries, Janitors . | 84,000 | 40,620 49 | 43,379 51 | 39,972 98 |
| Sch. Expenses. Fuel, Gas, Water . | 63,000 | 50,728 44 | 12,271 56 | 44,667 81 |
| Sch. Expenses. Supplies and Miscellaneous Expenses . . . . . | 108,650 | 65,239 43 | 43,410 57 | 63,081 91 |
| | $1,458,061 | $740,134 20 | $717,926 80 | $721,091 56 |

The Committee on Supplies have collected and paid into the City Treasury, during the past three weeks, for credit on account

of School Expenses, the sum of $35,603.05 for books and materials sold to pupils.

For the Committee on Accounts,
JAMES A. FLEMING, *Chairman.*

Placed on file.

Mr. Gallagher offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Examinations of first classes in Primary Schools; Regulations amended.

SECTION 142. Amend so that the section will read, "Semi-annually in the months of January and June," etc.

SECT. 228. Amend so that the section will read, "Pupils promoted from the Primary Schools shall enter the Grammar Schools on the first Mondays in February and September," etc.

Passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the rules were suspended, and the order was read a second time, and passed.

Annual report of Committee on Sewing.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Sewing, presented the annual report of that committee, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Report of Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom were referred, with full powers — June 12 and Sept. 11 — orders relating respectively to the reopening of the Primary school-house at Forest Hills Station, and to providing additional Primary-school accommodations in the Bennett District, reported that these matters had been considered by the committee, and orders for reopening the school-house designated, and for fitting up the Primary school-house in the Bennett District, had been forwarded to the City Council.

Accepted.

Annual report of the Board of Supervisors.

The superintendent presented the annual report of the Board of Supervisors, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned at ten minutes past eight o'clock.

Attest: PHINEAS BATES, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
October 2, 1883.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at twelve o'clock M., the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Mrs. Fifield, Miss Peabody, and Messrs. Lasker, Perkins, Plummer, and Rust.

Death of Dr. James A. Fleming.

The chair announced the death of Dr. JAMES A. FLEMING, late member of the Board, and spoke at some length in eulogy of the deceased.

Resolutions on death of Dr. James A. Fleming.

Mr. Crowley, after a few remarks, offered the following resolutions: —

*Whereas*, The Divine Ruler of men and events, in His all-wise Providence, has removed by death from the Board of School Committee of the City of Boston, our associate, Dr. JAMES A. FLEMING, —

*Resolved*, That we have cause to be saddened by this unlooked-for and mournful severance of the membership of one comparatively young in the walk of life, — who, in addition to the benefits which he, in his sphere, conferred, gave promise of permanent usefulness in his profession, and to the community, whom it was his ambition to serve.

*Resolved*, That, as due to the merits of our departed fellow-member, we bear witness to the assiduity, quick sense of justice, and fidelity, with

which, during the four years of his service, and on important committees, he performed the obligations of the trust here reposed in him by our citizens; and his relations with us give us reason to hold him in abiding and pleasant memory.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be communicated, with our profound sympathy, to his bereaved relatives; and that the Board attend the funeral in a body.

Mr. Blake seconded the resolutions, with a feeling tribute to the memory of the deceased.

Appropriate remarks were made by Messrs. Gallagher, Darling, and Hobbs.

The preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Chair read the following: —

Letter of Rev. Raphael Lasker.

BOSTON, Oct. 1, 1883.

*To the President of the School Board:* —

SIR, — I sincerely regret my inability to attend the special meeting of the School Committee to take action on the death of Dr. James A. Fleming, on account of official duties.

I respectfully tender my heartfelt sympathy and condolence to the Board, at the irreparable loss of a worthy member, who has always taken a warm and active interest in the cause of education and humanity.

Very respectfully,

RAPHAEL LASKER.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,

*Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 9, 1883.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor and Mr. Doherty.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Committee on Public Buildings; Howard-avenue Primary School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF SUP'T OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, Oct. 1, 1883.

HON. ALBERT PALMER, *Chairman of School Board:* —

DEAR SIR, — I am directed by the Committee on Public Buildings to inform you that the Primary School-house on Howard avenue is completed, and is now surrendered to the School Committee.

Yours respectfully,
H. B. FISHER,
*Clerk.*

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Committee on Public Buildings; Grammar School, Kenilworth street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF SUP'T OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, Sept. 28, 1883.

HON. ALBERT PALMER, *President of School Board:* —

DEAR SIR, — I am directed by the Committee on Public Buildings to inform you that the Grammar School-house, Kenilworth street, is completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and is now surrendered officially to the School Board.

Yours respectfully,
H. B. FISHER,
*Clerk.*

Placed on file.

Petition for class in Irish language and literature in the Evening High School.

The Chair presented a petition, signed by seventy-six citizens and residents of Boston, of Irish birth or descent, praying that a class be formed in the Evening High School, for the study of the Irish language and literature.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Petition for Evening Drawing School in East Boston.

The Chair presented a petition signed by twenty-one graduates and present members of the public schools, praying for the establishment of an evening drawing school in East Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Drawing and Music.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

*Roxbury High School.* — Samuel M. Weston, head-master, Oct. 15, 1883.

*Andrew District.* — Jennie L. Story, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1883.

*Bigelow District.* — John W. Freese, sub-master, Oct. 1, 1883.

*Bunker Hill District.* — Sarah J. Worcester, fourth assistant, Oct, 1, 1883.

*Lawrence District.* — Florence I. Gleason, second assistant, Sept. 1, 1883.

*Lincoln District.* — Mary A. H. Fuller, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1883.

*Lyman District.* — Clara E. Robinson, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1883.

*Norcross District.* — Mary K. Davis, fourth assistant, Sept. 3, 1883.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

*Lyman District.* — Lillian G. Bates, from Sept. 25, 1883; Mary E. Williams, from Oct. 8, 1883. Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

*Girls' High School.* — Sarah J. C. Needham, assistant, from Oct. 1, 1883. Temporary teachers.

*Andrew District.* — Joanna C. Wilkinson, fourth assistant, from Sept. 3 to 8, 1883, inclusive.

*Lyman District.* — Jane A. Souther, third assistant, from Sept. 3 to 5, 1883, inclusive; Mary Trumbull, third assistant, from Sept. 13 to Oct. 2, 1883, inclusive; Mary L. Sweeney, fourth assistant, from Sept. 17, 1883.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

*English High School.* — Frank O. Carpenter, junior-master, from Sept. 10, 1883; Rufus P. Williams, junior-master, from Sept. 18, 1883. Nomination of teachers.

*Andrew District.* — Emily F. Hodsdon, fourth assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Bigelow District.* — F. Morton King, sub-master, from Oct. 1, 1883.

*Brimmer District.* — Mary E. Whitney, fourth assistant, sixth year, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Eliot District.* — Joel C. Bolan, sub-master, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Gaston District.* — Anna E. Somes, fourth assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Harris District.* — Charlotte A. Powell, third assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Lincoln District.* — Louise A. Pieper, fourth assistant, and Katharine G. Sullivan, third assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Lyman District.* — Gustavus F. Guild, third astistant, sixth year, from Oct. 8, 1883.

*Norcross District.* — Mary K. Davis, second assistant, Primary Department, from Sept. 3, 1883.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

*Harvard District.* — Grace H. Bredeen, fourth assistant.

*Lyman District.* — Martha H. Palmer, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

Election of principals of Evening Schools.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated for election the following-named principals of the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools, for the term of 1883–84, the term of service of the principal of the Evening High School to date from Oct. 1, 1883; of the principal of the Eliot Evening School, to date from Sept. 26, 1883; and the terms of service of the other principals of evening schools, herein nominated, to date from Sept. 24, 1883: —

*Evening High School.* — Edward C. Carrigan, master.

*Anderson-street School.* — John A. Bennett.

*Bigelow School.* — George Oak.

*Comins School.* — Rodney F. Johonnot.

*Dearborn School.* — William H. Brown.

*Eliot School.* — Salem D. Charles.

*Franklin School.* — Frederic W. Bliss.

*Lincoln School.* — Edward A. Wilkie.

*Lyman School.* — Henry Melville.

*Minot School.* — Marvin M. Taylor.

*Quincy School.* — Frank W. Rollins.

*Warren School.* — George G. Pratt.

*Wells School.* — Oscar J. Pfeiffer.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Rust, Elliot, and Lasker, a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice, 13.

William H. Moriarty had 1 vote, as principal of the Evening High School; Edward C. Carrigan had 19 votes; John A. Bennett had 19, and the other principals above-named had 20 votes each.

The candidates, as reported by the committee, each having more than the number of votes required by the rules to elect, were declared elected as principals of the designated Evening Schools.

Confirmation assistants Evening Schools.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, reported for confirmation the following-named assistants in the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools, for 1883–84: —

*Evening High School.* — Arthur B. Morong, William H. Moriarty, Thomas Dean, Charles E. Stetson, Albert Poor, Isaac F. Paul, Thomas W. Proctor, Stephen O'Meara, from Oct. 1; Thomas J. Barry, clerk, from Oct. 1.

*Anderson-street School.* — Elizabeth N. Smith, Sarah E. Stumpf, Martha R. Griswold, from Sept. 26; Mary E. W. Hagerty, from Sept. 28.

*Bigelow School.* — C. Everett Washburn, Agnes M. Cochran, Frances R. Newcomb, from Sept. 24; Mary E. McGraw, Fanny L. Rogers, Elizabeth K. Bolton, Ida M. Metcalf, from Sept. 25.

*Comins School.* — Sylvia A. Richards, Kate W.

Sparhawk, Abbie E. Batchelder, Sarah E. Deane, from Sept. 24; Nellie J. Kiggen, from Sept. 25; Mary E. McMann, from Sept. 26.

*Dearborn School.* — Arthur C. S. Jackson, Edward E. Sparhawk, Kate F. Lyons, Emma L. Merrill, from Sept. 24; Martha Palmer, from Sept. 26; Nellie M. Whitney, from Oct. 3.

*Eliot School.* — Margaret Coyle, Kate Haushalter, Elizabeth C. Harding, Albertine A. Martin, Sophia E. Krey, Joseph R. Smith, Daniel J. Mullen, from Sept. 24; Isaac E. Pearl, from Sept. 27.

*Franklin School.* — Esther M. Meserve, Ida F. Taylor, Elizabeth E. O'Connell, Carrie L. Baker, Moses Berger, from Sept. 24; Mary A. Murphy, from Sept. 28.

*Lincoln School.* — Elizabeth R. Cummings, from Sept. 24; David G. Eldridge, Jr., from Sept. 26; Sabina G. Sweeney, from Oct. 1; Frances V. Keyes, from Oct. 4.

*Lyman School.* — Fred. E. Crawford, from Sept. 24; Fannie M. Morris, Jane A. Soutter, Jennie A. Mayer, from Sept. 26; Clara A. Brown, from Oct. 2.

*Minot School.* — Joanna C. Wilkinson, from Sept. 26; Elizabeth T. Gray, from Oct. 1; Emma G. Brown, from Oct. 5; Lizzie J. Thing, from Sept. 28; Eleanore S. Wolff, Sept. 23, 24; Alice H. Shultes, Sept. 25 to 28, inclusive.

*Quincy School.* — Edith K. Hodsdon, from Sept. 24; Butler R. Wilson, from Sept. 26; Benson B. Banker, Seth P. Smith, from Oct. 1.

*Warren School.* — William A. Cottle, Lucy M. Bosworth, Emma S. Fisk, Lucy M. A. Moore, from Sept. 24; Anna B. Grimes, from Sept. 26; Lucy A. G. McGilvray, from Sept. 27; Agnes C. Moore, from Sept. 28.

*Warrenton Street.* — John L. Emmons, Samuel Weltch, J. Thomas Vose, Annie Nicholls, from Sept. 24.

*Wells School.* — Margaret J. O'Hea, Mary W. Perry, from Sept. 24; Orrin H. Carpenter, Clara B. Stimson, Eudora F. Sumner, Harriet E. Tower, from Sept. 26.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and High Schools; candidates for principalship of Roxbury High School.

Mr. Plummer, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and High Schools, reported the following unanimous nomination of a candidate for the vacant principalship of the Roxbury High School, — Charles M. Clay, master, from Oct. 15, 1883.

Accepted.

Ballot.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Rust, Elliot, and Lasker, as a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

Election of Charles M. Clay.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13. Charles M. Clay had 19 votes, and was accordingly declared elected as principal of the Roxbury High School, with the rank of master, to date from Oct. 15, 1883.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Salary of Charles M. Clay.

*Ordered*, That the salary of Charles M. Clay, elected principal of the Roxbury High School be, for the first year of service, $2,880.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, offered the following resolutions: —

Resolutions on resignation of Samuel M. Weston.

*Resolved*, That we accept with regret the resignation of Samuel M. Weston, head-master of the Roxbury High School, after a period of thirty-eight years of

faithful and efficient service in the High Schools of the city.

*Resolved*, That, while his most enduring memorial is the love and respect of the many pupils who owe to his care and influence much of what is best and most valuable in their minds and character, yet this committee also gladly puts on record its appreciation of his able work and untiring devotion.

*Resolved*, That we cordially tender our best wishes for his future welfare and happiness.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be entered on the records of the Board, and a copy, properly engrossed, be sent to Mr. Weston.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Blake, it was

Convention to fill vacancy in School Board proposed.

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen, to inform that body that a vacancy exists in the Board of School Committee, caused by the death of James A. Fleming, and proposing a convention of said Board of Aldermen and School Committee be held at 7.30 o'clock P.M., on the 23d day of October, 1883, in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, for the purpose of filling said vacancy for the remainder of this municipal year, and that public notice thereof be given according to law.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Repairing Vine-street school-house.

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to repair the flooring, and provide additional accommodations for light in the Vine-street school-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence, until Jan. 1, 1884, be granted to Emily H. Maxwell, third assistant in the Hillside District, on account of sickness; and that Nellie J. Kiggen be appointed as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Emily H. Maxwell.

Nellie J. Kiggen, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, it was

*Ordered*, That Charles and Mary Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare, revised edition, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare authorized as text-book.

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That Harkness's Complete Course in Latin for the first year be substituted for Harkness's Latin Reader, as a text-book in the High and Latin Schools.

Books dropped from authorized list.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the order was amended by adding the following words: "without expense to the city or pupils for the present year."

The order passed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That the following books be dropped from the list of authorized text-books, and books for supplementary reading: Goethe's "Faust," Gardiner's "History of England for Young Folks."

On motion of Mr. Blake, the report of the Board of Supervisors on subject of a text-book in mental arithmetic (see Minutes, page 160) was taken from the table and accepted.

Report of Board of Supervisors on use of a text-book in mental arithmetic.

Mr. Blake offered the following, which contains the recommendations of the Board of Supervisors as contained in their report (Doc. 14, page 9): —

*Ordered*, That three copies of a text-book in mental arithmetic be placed upon each Grammar School teacher's desk, to be used for the oral and the reading

exercise in mental arithmetic; and that one set of sixty text-books in mental arithmetic, or, if necessary, more than one set, be placed in each Grammar School to be used by the pupils for arithmetic at sight.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the order was amended by striking out the words "if necessary," and substituting therefor the words "if determined by the Committee on Supplies to be necessary."

The order passed as amended.

Text-book in English History.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the following order was taken from the table (see Minutes, page 150): —

*Ordered*, That Stone's History of England be authorized for use as a text-book in the first classes of the Grammar Schools.

The order was lost by a vote of 12 to 7.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Porter, the vote whereby the order was declared lost was reconsidered.

Mr. Porter moved that the order be amended by substituting "Lancaster's" for "Stone's."

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Darling, the previous question was ordered.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Porter's amendment passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

*Yeas:* Mrs. Fifield, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Chapin, Darling, Davis, Elliott, Flint, Gallagher, Hyde, Lasker, Perkins, Porter, and Williamson. — 13.

*Nays:* Messrs. Blake, Crowley, Gaffield, Moran, Naphen, Plummer, and Rust. — 7.

By consent of the Board, Mr. Davis, who explained that he misunderstood the question, was allowed to change his vote from yea to nay.

The Chair declared Mr. Porter's motion passed by a vote of 12 to 8.

The order as amended was lost, five members only voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Moran moved the passage of the original order, viz. : —

*Ordered*, That Stone's History of England be authorized for use as a text-book in the first classes of the Grammar Schools.

The order passed unanimously, twenty members voting in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

*Ordered*, That Fanny M. Morris be approved as a substitute for more than one month in the Phillips district.

Fanny M. Morris, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the report of the Committee on Text-Books, relative to text-books in spelling and mental arithmetic, submitted Sept. 11 [Minutes, page 149], was taken from the table and accepted.

Report of Committee on Text-books; spelling-book and mental arithmetic.

Mr. Blake offered the following : —

*Ordered*, That Greenleaf's "Manual of Mental Arithmetic" be authorized for use as a text-book in the Grammar Schools.

Text-book in mental arithmetic.

Passed.

Mr. Blake offered the following : —

*Ordered*, That Worcester's Spelling-Book be authorized for use as a text-book in the Grammar Schools.

Text-book in spelling.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the vote whereby the order was declared passed was reconsidered.

Mr. Moran moved to lay the order on the table.

Lost.

Mr. Davis moved to amend by substituting the following for the order : —

*Ordered*, That Worcester's Spelling-Book be authorized for use in the Grammar Schools; and that the Board of Supervisors be instructed to report at the next meeting of this Board how it can be used to the best advantage.

Mr. Davis' motion to substitute passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the order was amended by inserting after the words "for use" the words "as a text-book."

Mr. Rust moved a division of the question.

Lost.

The order passed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, it was

Edition of courses of study, text and reference books, etc.

*Ordered*, That 2,500 copies of the Courses of Study, the list of text and reference books, and the plan for the distribution, assignment, and supply of supplementary reading, be printed.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of M. Rosalia Merrill.

*Ordered*, That M. Rosalia Merrill, fourth assistant in the Dorchester-Everett District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Sept. 3, 1883, on account of previous service. (See Section 88 of the Rules.)

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Plan of Instruction for Evening Drawing Schools; edition of.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, it was

*Ordered*, That one thousand copies of the Plan of Instruction for Evening Drawing Schools be printed.

Mr. Williamson offered the following: —

Certificate of service to Delia L. Viles.

*Ordered*, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to issue a certificate of service to Delia L. Viles, in consideration of previous acceptable service.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Mr. Williamson, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That a certificate of service, special grade, be granted to Eben R. Butler, as principal of the Warrenton-street Evening School.

Certificate of service to Eben R. Butler.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — June 12 — an order concerning Primary-School accommodations at Faneuil, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Reports of Committee on School-houses.

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to erect a two-room Primary school-house at Faneuil (part of Brighton) for the accommodation of the pupils of that locality.

Primary School accommodations at Faneuil.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 11 — an order concerning the hall of the Appleton-street Primary school-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to partition the hall of the Appleton-street Primary school-house.

Partitioning of hall of Appleton-street Primary school-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 11 — an order concerning additional Primary-School accommodations in the Lowell District, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide additional Primary-School accommodations in the Lowell District.

Additional Primary-School accommodations in the Lowell District.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 11 — an order concerning additional

Primary-School accommodations in the Comins District, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Additional Primary-School accommodations in the Comins District.

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide additional Primary-School accommodations in the Comins District.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Examinations; petitions for class in Irish language and literature in Evening High School.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom were referred — Sept. 11 and Oct. 9 — petitions from citizens and residents of Boston, of Irish birth or descent, praying that a class be formed in the Evening High School, for the study of the Irish language and literature, submitted the following report: —

The scope of the Public School system, including the Day and Evening High Schools, is designed, according to the intent of the law, for the teaching of such elementary subjects of education as are necessary and immediately useful in the every-day business of life, or preparatory for the useful professions, to the exclusion of studies that imply ornamental or unusual learning. The introduction of the study of the Irish language and literature into the Evening High School, therefore, even though the knowledge of that language and literature be admitted to be of special fundamental and literary value, seems to be beyond the province of the Board to authorize, since, as yet, it belongs to a branch of philology, as an accomplishment or agreeable occupation, and, apparently, is, otherwise, not of necessary or immediate utility in the affairs of the petitioners, or of the citizens whom they profess to represent.

For these reasons your committee recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Salaries; compensa-

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — June 26 — an order concerning

the compensation to Anna G. Wells, for service rendered in the Evening Schools, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

tion to Anna G. Wells.

*Ordered*, That the sum of fifteen dollars be paid to Anna G. Wells, for two weeks' service as assistant in the Hudson-street Evening School, during the term of 1881–82, she having rendered such service before it was ascertained that she held no certificate from the Board of Supervisors.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That John O. Godfrey, second assistant in the Adams District, be placed upon the maximum salary of his grade, to date from Sept. 10, 1883.

Salary of John O. Godfrey.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the Board adjourned at ten minutes before ten o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
*Secretary.*

## In School Committee, Oct. 23, 1883.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Convention to fill vacancy in School Board.

The Chair read a notification from the Board of Aldermen of their concurrence in the proposition to hold a convention with this Board, on this day and at this time, for the purpose of filling the vacancy in this Board caused by the death of James A. Fleming; and the two Boards assembled accordingly.

### IN CONVENTION.

His Honor the Mayor presiding.

Report of Committee on Elections; candidates for vacancy in School Board.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Elections, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, submitted the names of Timothy J. Dacey and F. Lyman Winship as candidates to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James A. Fleming.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The convention proceeded to ballot for a member to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James A. Fleming.

The Chair appointed Alderman Welsh, and Messrs. Porter and Hobbs, a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 35; necessary for a

Timothy J. Dacey elected as a member of the School Committee.

choice under the statute, 19. F. Lyman Winship had 14 votes; Timothy J. Dacey had 21 votes, and was accordingly declared elected a member of the School Committee for the term ending the second day of January, 1884.

The business of the convention having been accomplished, the convention dissolved.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

*Bunker Hill District.* — Amy C. Hudson, second assistant, Oct. 1, 1883; Mary E. Minter, third assistant, Sept. 30, 1883.

*Gaston District.* — Helen A. Shaw, third assistant, Oct. 31, 1883.

*Harvard District.* — Mary A. Lovering, second assistant, Oct. 10, 1883.

*Lincoln District.* — Cora S. Locke, third assistant, Oct. 18, 1883.

*Sherwin District.* — Alice H. Goodall, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1883; Maria D. Faxon, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1883.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

*Dorchester-Everett District.* — Helen L. Hilton, from Oct. 1, 1883.

*Gaston District.* — Joanna C. Wilkinson, from Oct. 10, 1883.

*George Putnam District.* — Louisa Thacher, from Oct. 3, 1883.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

*Bunker Hill District.* — Eleanore S. Wolff, third assistant; Carrie F. Gammell, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1883. Temporary teachers.

*Dwight District.* — Jennie E. Morse, third assistant, from Oct. 15, 1883.

*George Putnam District.* — Mary E. Morse, third assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Lewis District.* — Anna A. Groll, fourth assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Lowell District.* — Luther B. Pillsbury, sub-master, from Sept. 3, 1883.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

*English High School.* — Rufus P. Williams, junior-master, third year, from Sept. 18, 1883. Nomination of teachers.

*Andrew District.* — Emma C. Stuart, third assistant, from April 1, 1883.

*Dearborn District.* — Elizabeth D. Mulrey, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1883.

*Dillaway District.* — Emma F. Briggs, third assistant, from Oct. 1, 1883.

*Dudley District.* — Abby S. Hapgood, third assistant, second year, from Sept. 12, 1883.

*Gaston District.* — Emma M. Sibley, third assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883; Mary H. Dwyer, third assistant, fifth year, from Oct. 24, 1883.

*Lewis District.* — Sarah E. Deane, fourth assistant, from Oct. 22, 1883.

*Lowell District.* — Anna M. Edmands, third assistant, second year, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Sherwin District.* — Annie M. Olsson, third assist-

ant, from Oct. 1, 1883; Delia E. Cunningham, fourth assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

*East Boston High School.* — Lucy R. Beadle and Kate W. Cushing, assistants.

*Roxbury High School.* — James A. Beatley, assistant.

*Andrew District.* — Sarah E. Ferry, fourth assistant.

*Bowditch District.* — Ida H. Davis, third assistant; Mary E. Noonan, fourth assistant.

*Bunker Hill District.* — Charlotte E. Seavey, third assistant.

*Frothingham District.* — Nellie L. Cullis, fourth assistant.

*Lawrence District.* — Carrie T. Hale, fourth assistant.

*Winthrop District.* — Hannah E. G. Gleason, second assistant, Primary Department.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

*Bowditch District.* — Ellen E. Leach, third assistant, to the same position in the George Putnam District; the transfer to date from Nov. 1, 1883.

*Dearborn District.* — Josephine A. Keniston, third assistant, to the same position in the Dillaway District; the transfer to date from Oct. 1, 1883.

*Franklin District.* — Fannie B. Wilson, fourth assistant, to the same position in the Lowell District; the transfer to date from Nov. 1, 1883.

*Frothingham District.* — Abby M. Clark, third assistant, to the same position in the Dillaway District; the transfer to date from Nov. 1, 1883.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Confirmation of teachers in Evening Schools.

*Warrenton-street School.* — Eber R. Butler, principal, from Sept. 24, 1883.

*Comins School.* — Gilbert O. Burnham, assistant, from Sept. 24, 1883.

*Quincy School.* — Isabella H. Wilson, assistant, from Sept. 26, 1883.

*Wells School.* — Annie H. Gardner, assistant, from Oct. 9, 1883.

Accepted, and the nominations of assistants confirmed.

Ballot for principal of Warrenton-street Evening School.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Warrenton-street Evening School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Williamson, Blake, and Rust as a committtee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 23; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. F. Lyman Winship had one vote; Eber R. Butler had twenty-two votes, and was accordingly declared elected as principal of the Warrenton-street Evening School, to date from Sept. 24, 1883.

Eber R. Butler elected principal of Warrenton-street Evening School.

Nomination of teachers.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations, under a suspension of the rules: —

ON PROBATION.

*Bunker Hill District.* — Mary E. Minter, second asssistant, from Oct. 1, 1883.

*Harvard District.* — Katharine W. Huston, second assistant, from Oct. 11, 1883.

*Lawrence District.* — Cora S. Locke, second assistant, from Oct. 19, 1883.

Rules suspended.

The rules were suspended and the nominations confirmed.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Third Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Mary L. Bibbey.

*Ordered*, That Mary L. Bibbey, fourth assistant in the Phillips District, be placed upon the second year of service in her grade, to date from Oct. 1, 1883.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of M. Lizzie Bryant.

*Ordered*, That M. Lizzie Bryant, fourth assistant in the Hancock District, be placed upon the second year of service in her grade, to date from Oct. 1, 1883.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

Leave of absence to Sarah J. Perkins.

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence until Dec. 1, 1883, be granted to Sarah J. Perkins, third assistant in the Harvard District.

Report of Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Rust, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — Sept. 11 — an order to the effect that the sum of $18.17 per pupil (the cost, per pupil, for primary-school instruction last year) be allowed and paid to the teacher of the school on Spectacle Island, provided Mr. Ward furnishes suitable accommodations for the school; the sum to be paid to be based on the average number of pupils attending, — reported that they had considered the subject, and submitted the following:

That, from the tenor of the order, the question arose whether the school was public or private, and that your

committee are strongly of the opinion that if the school be a private one the School Board has no authority to incur any expense connected with it. If it be a public school your committee would recommend, that, as no person holding a certificate can be obtained to teach in that locality, the First Division Committee nominate the teacher now in charge of the school to the position of special teacher; and that the Committee on Examinations be requested to authorize the Board of Supervisors to grant a restricted certificate, enabling the present incumbent to enter the service of the city. Your committee would further recommend that the amount allowed him for compensation be fixed in accordance with the provisions of the original order. In accordance with the foregoing report, they respectfully recommend the passage of the following orders: —

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Examinations be respectfully requested to authorize the issue of a restricted certificate to the person now holding the position of teacher in the school on Spectacle Island, and that the Committee on the First Division be respectfully requested to nominate him as special teacher for that school.

*Ordered*, That the compensation of the special teacher of the school on Spectacle Island be at the rate of $\$1.81\frac{7}{10}$ per pupil, per month, for the average number of pupils attending.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

Report of Committee on Accounts; tuition of non-resident pupils.

Mr. Rust, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 11 — an order to the effect that, before non-resident pupils shall enter any school of the city, a deposit of money, equal to the annual expense, shall be made with the Auditing Clerk of the Board, reported that they had considered the subject, and consulted the

Corporation Counsel in reference to the same; and that they beg leave to submit the following report, and accompanying order: —

The Rules of the Board require your committee to make out bills for non-resident tuition, and transmit the same to the City Collector for collection. In accordance with this rule, they request from the principals, at the beginning of each term, a list of all non-resident pupils in the school or district, and that the same be accompanied by pledges agreeing to pay the tuition, signed by the parents or guardians. From these lists the proper bills are prepared, and sent to the City Collector for collection. For the past four years the amount collected from this source ranged from $2,565.80 in 1879–80, to $8,463.28 the past year; the total amount for that time aggregating the sum of $19,771.75. The sum lost by the city during that time, by failure to pay and inability to collect, amounted to $337.07, or about one and three-fourths per cent. of the amount collected. Your committee are of the opinion that the plan suggested, of obliging non-residents to deposit, in advance, a sum equal to about $8,000 per annum, might be avoided, and the desired results obtained by the adoption of the following order, the passage of which they recommend: —

*Ordered*, That non-resident pupils, who are not excused from payment by the Committee on Accounts, before being permitted to enter any school, shall furnish an agreement, signed by their parents or guardians, promising to pay the tuition of such pupils, on or before the fifteenth of October and the fifteenth of March, in each year; with the provision that, if payment be not made by those dates, the pupils shall be dismissed from school.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the Annual Report of the Board of Supervisors [Doc. 16] was taken from the table and accepted.

Annual Report of Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That Gustavus F. Guild, third assistant in the Lyman District, be placed upon the maximum salary of his grade, to date from Oct. 8, 1883.

Salary of Gustavus F. Guild.

Refered to Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That Henry B. Hall, third assistant in the Emerson District, be placed upon the maximum salary of his grade, to date from April 1, 1883.

Salary of Henry B. Hall.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Dec. 1, 1883, be granted to Kate E. Blanchard, third assistant in the Franklin District; and that Nellie J. Breed be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Kate E. Blanchard. Nellie J. Breed, substitute.

The Chair presented the report of the Board of Supervisors on the use of a text-book in spelling, which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Report of Board of Supervisors; use of a spelling-book.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to make the necessary changes to fit up the old Dillaway School building for the use of the primary classes.

Alterations in old Dillaway school-house.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the same committee, it was

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to cause the pipes of the heating apparatus in the Dillaway school-house to be enclosed.

Pipes of heating apparatus; Dillaway school-house.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Lizzie P. Brewer.

Martha Palmer, substitute.

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1884, be granted to Lizzie P. Brewer, fourth assistant in the Comins District: and that Martha Palmer be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Phebe H. Simpson. Mary Trumbull, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1884, be granted to Phebe H. Simpson, third assistant in the Lewis District; and that Mary Trumbull be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Harriet D. Hinckley.

Alice L. Williams, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1884, be granted to Harriet D. Hinckley, first assistant in the Prince District; and that Alice L. Williams be approved as her substitute.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — Oct. 9 — an order that a certificate of service be granted to Delia L. Viles, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on Examinations; certificate of service to Delia L. Viles.

*Ordered*, That the Board of Supervisors be directed to issue a certificate of service of the fourth grade to Delia L. Viles, in consideration of previous acceptable service.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Examinations; instruction in Latin in Evening High School.

Miss Peabody, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 11 — an order that the Regulations be amended by adding "Latin" to the prescribed course of studies in the Evening High School, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

*Ordered*, That Section 344 of the Regulations be amended by adding the following to the section: "And

Latin; provided, that no class in Latin shall be formed unless at least thirty pupils pledge themselves to attend five evenings in the week, and that such class shall be discontinued when the number of pupils in attendance falls below twenty-five."

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Salary of clerk, Evening High School.

*Ordered*, That Thomas J. Barry, elected clerk of the Evening High School, be paid at the rate of three dollars per night, to date from Oct. 1, 1883; the same to be in full for all services required of him by both the Committee on Evening Schools and the Committee on Supplies.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report of Board of Supervisors on reëstablishment of grade of usher in the Grammar Schools.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, the report of the Board of Supervisors on the reëstablishment of the grade of usher in the Grammar Schools [see Minutes, page 42] was taken from the table. On motion of Mr. Cutter, the report was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the Board adjourned at half-past eight o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
*Secretary.*

## In School Committee, Nov. 13, 1883.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Elliott, Flint, and Naphen.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the printed minutes of the last meeting were amended by adding the following: —

"The Chair appointed Mr. Williamson to serve on the Committee on Evening Schools, in place of Dr. Fleming, deceased."

On motion of Mr. Williamson, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted; the Board approving the printed records as amended.

Credentials of Timothy J. Dacey.

The credentials of Timothy J. Dacey, as a member-elect of the School Committee, for the remainder of the municipal year, were presented and placed on file.

Mr. Dacey appeared and took his seat.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

### SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

*Hancock District.* — Anna B. Grimes, from Oct. 24, 1883.

*Mt. Vernon District.* — Amanda C. Ellison, from Oct. 1, 1883.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

*Charlestown High School.* — Ettie L. Reade, assistant, from Oct. 25, 1883.

*Dillaway District.* — Eleanor F. Lang, third assistant, from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, 1883; Cordelia G. Torrey, third assistant, from Oct. 1, 1883.

*Dudley District.* — Edward C. Burbeck, sub-master, from Sept. 6 to 8, 1883, inclusive; George T. Wiggin, sub-master, from Sept. 17, 1883; Lucy G. M. Card, third assistant, from Sept. 6 to 14, 1883, inclusive.

*Eliot District.* — Elizabeth C. Harding, third assistant, from Sept. 7, 1883.

*Lawrence District.* — Lena L. Carpenter, third assistant, from Sept. 4 to Oct. 23, 1883, inclusive.

*Rice District.* — Harriet H. Norcross, third assistant, from Sept. 17, 1883.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

*Bennett District.* — Florence Bicknell, fourth assistant, from Sept. 5, 1883.

*Brimmer District.* — Winella W. Stratton, second assistant, Primary Department, from Sept. 1, 1883.

*Dillaway District.* — Mary L. Shepard, fourth assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883.

*Dudley District.* — Helen P. Hall, second assistant, Primary Department, from Nov. 12, 1883.

*Emerson District.* — Mary E. Plummer, second assistant, Primary Department, from Nov. 1, 1883; Lilian G. Bates, fourth assistant, from Oct. 31, 1883.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

*Bennett District.* — Clara L. Harrington, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, the transfer to date from Nov. 1, 1883.

Transfer of a teacher.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, reported the following nominations for Evening Schools: —

Teachers in Evening Schools.

*Evening High School.* — Stephen O'Meara, teacher of Phonography, from Oct. 1, 1883.

*Dearborn School.* — Catherine S. Summers, assistant, from Sept. 24, 1883.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the salary of the teacher of phonography in the Evening High School be at the rate of twenty-five dollars per week of three evenings' service.

Salary of teacher of phonography in the Evening High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide additional sanitary accommodations in the Dillaway school-house.

Sanitary accommodations for Dillaway school-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Oct. 23 — an order containing a proposed amendment to Section 344 of the Regulations, providing that "Latin" be added to the prescribed course of studies in the Evening High School, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations; Latin added to list of prescribed studies in Evening High School.

*Ordered*, That Section 344 of the Regulations be

amended by adding the following to the section: "and Latin; provided that no class in Latin shall be formed unless at least thirty pupils pledge themselves to attend five evenings in the week, and that such class shall be discontinued when the number of pupils in attendance falls below twenty-five."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Additional Grammar-School accommodations, Dearborn District.

*Ordered*, That additional Grammar-School accommodations be provided in the Dearborn District.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Annual report of the Committee on Drawing and Music.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, presented the annual report of that committee, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, it was

Edition of report.

*Ordered*, That six hundred copies of the report of the Committee on Drawing and Music be printed.

Report of Committee on Industrial Education.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Industrial Education, who were requested to consider and report on the subject, with a view to carrying into effect the recommendations of the Superintendent in his last report, submitted the report of that committee, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, it was

Edition of Report on Industrial Education.

*Ordered*, That one thousand copies of the Report of the Committee on Industrial Education be printed.

Report of Committee on Drawing and Music; Evening Draw-School in East Boston.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, to whom was referred — October 9 — a petition that an evening drawing school be established in East Boston, reported that accommodations for such school

had been obtained, and were being fitted up, and that the school would be opened in a week or two.

Accepted.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to fit up the rooms in the Chambers-street chapel, for the accommodation of a portion of the pupils now attending the Wall-street school.

Primary School accommodations in Third Division.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That Augustus H. Kelley, sub-master in the Chapman District, be placed upon the tenth year of service in his grade, to date from September 4, 1883.

Salary of Augustus H. Kelley.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

*Ordered*, That, on and after November 18, 1883, at 12 o'clock, noon, the several clocks in charge of the Department of Public Instruction be so adjusted as to conform to the standard of time adopted at the Observatory at Cambridge, to be known as "Eastern time."

"Eastern time" standard adopted.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider and report what changes are necessary to make the school hours conform to the standard Eastern time, as adopted.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

*Ordered*, That extended leave of absence until January 1, 1884, be granted to Mary A. Ford, first assistant in the Emerson District; and that Clara A. Brown be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Mary A. Ford.

Clara A. Brown, substitute.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

Report on reëxaminations of diploma examination papers of last June; Board of Supervisors granted further time.

*Ordered*, That the Board of Supervisors be granted further time in which to present their report upon the reëxamination of the diploma examination papers of last June.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Sewing, it was

Additional edition of Report of Committee on Sewing, Doc. 24, 1881.

*Ordered*, That 600 additional copies of the report of the Committee on Sewing, Doc. 24, 1881, be printed.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Maria J. Coburn. Mary A. Murphy, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1884, be granted to Maria J. Coburn, fourth assistant in the Bowditch District; and that Mary A. Murphy be approved as her substitute.

Appointments on committees.

The Chair made the following appointments on committees to fill vacancies caused by the death of Dr. James A. Fleming: Mr. Dacey, to serve on Committees on Accounts, Nominations, Rules and Regulations, Truant Officers, First and Third Divisions; Mr. Rust as Chairman of the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Gaffield offered the following: —

Appointments on committees; amendment to rules proposed.

*Ordered*, That, in the assignment of positions on the committees, each member shall receive at least two positions on the Executive Committees, and two positions on the Committee on Special Schools and School Divisions. In the assignment of positions on School Divisions, as far as practicable, each member shall be placed in the division nearest to his residence, or place of business.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Report of Committee on Industrial Education.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the orders appended to the report of the Committee on Industrial Education were considered, viz.: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to

appropriate the sum of $2,500 for the equipment and maintenance of a Manual Training School.

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to fit up rooms in the basement of the Latin-School building, where classes from the Grammar Schools can be instructed in the use of simple hand-tools during the ensuing school year.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the Superintendent of Schools was requested to state his opinion on the subject.

Opinion of Superintendent.

The Superintendent stated that there need not be any serious interference with the work of the graduating classes. The boys would be selected by the masters, who would take care that other work was not neglected. This shop-work for boys stood in the same relation to their other work as did the sewing to the other work of the girls. Each would occupy two hours a week out of the total twenty-five hours.

If, however, it should be found, on trial, that too much work was required, the amount of book-work could be somewhat reduced without serious loss.

No great outlay of money was required at first. If, as was expected, the first elementary school should be successful, then other similar ones could be started in different quarters of the city, so that pupils need not travel long distances. But if it failed, then the worst that could be said was that $2,500 had been spent in proving that manual training could not be given in the way proposed. The establishment of an industrial high school by and by would depend on the success of the experiment now proposed with elementary manual training.

The first order passed.

The second order was referred to the Committee on School-houses.

The Chair read the following: —

Resignation of Mr. Blake as a member of the Committee on Drawing and Music.

BOSTON, NOV. 13, 1883.

*To the President of the School Board:* —

DEAR SIR, — I herewith tender my resignation as a member of the Committee on Drawing and Music.

JOHN G. BLAKE.

Accepted.

Appointment on Committee.

The Chair appointed Mr. Gaffield as a member of the Committee on Drawing and Music, in place of Mr. Blake, resigned.

Reports of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Oct. 23 — an order concerning the salary of the clerk of the Evening High School, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Salary of clerk of Evening High School.

*Ordered*, That Thomas J. Barry, elected clerk of the Evening High School, be paid at the rate of three dollars per night, to date from Oct. 1, 1883; the same to be in full for all services required of him by both the Committee on Evening Schools and the Committee on Supplies.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of John O. Godfrey.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 9 — an order concerning the salary of John O. Godfrey, second assistant in the Adams District, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

*Ordered*, That John O. Godfrey, second assistant in the Adams District, be placed upon the maximum salary of his grade, to date from Sept. 10, 1883.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Henry B. Hall.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 23 — an order concerning the salary of Henry B. Hall, third assistant in the Emerson District, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

*Ordered*, That Henry B. Hall, third assistant in the Emerson District, be placed upon the maximum salary of his grade, to date from April 1, 1883.

Reports of Committee on Salaries.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 23 — an order concerning the salary of Gustavus F. Guild, third assistant in the Lyman District, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Salary of Gustavus F. Guild.

*Ordered*, That Gustavus F. Guild, third assistant in the Lyman District, be placed upon the maximum salary of his grade, to date from Oct. 8, 1883.

Accepted, and the order passed.

The Vice-President in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the report of the Board of Supervisors on the use of a text-book in spelling [Doc. 18] was taken from the table and accepted.

Report of Board of Supervisors on use of text-book in spelling.

Mr. Hyde moved that Worcester's Spelling Book be used in the three lower classes of the Grammar Schools.

Mr. Moran moved to amend the motion so that it shall read : "that Worcester's Spelling-Book be used in the first classes of the Grammar Schools for the remainder of this school year."

Mr. Porter moved that the whole subject be referred to the Committee on Examinations, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Lost.

Mr. Moran's motion was lost.

Mr. Hyde's motion passed.

On motion of Miss Peabody, it was

*Ordered*, That 1,000 additional copies of School Document 18, of this year (Report of Board of Supervisors on use of a text-book in spelling), be printed for distribution among the teachers.

Additional copies of Report of Board of Supervisors on use of a text-book in spelling.

On motion of Miss Peabody, it was

Additional copies of Report of Board of Supervisors on use of a text-book in mental arithmetic.

*Ordered*, That 1,000 additional copies of School Document 14, of this year (Report of Board of Supervisors on use of a text-book in mental arithmetic), be printed for distribution among the teachers.

On motion of Mr. Darling, the Board adjourned at a quarter before ten o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
*Secretary.*

## In School Committee, Nov. 27, 1883.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Davis, Elliott, Gallagher, and Williamson.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order took its second reading: —

*Ordered*, That Section 344 of the Regulations be amended, by adding the following to the section: "and Latin; provided that no class in Latin shall be formed unless at least thirty pupils pledge themselves to attend five evenings in the week, and that such class shall be discontinued when the number of pupils in attendance falls below twenty-five."

Latin added to list of prescribed studies in Evening High School.

Passed.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

### ON PROBATION.

*Frothingham District.* — Margaret J. O'Hea, third assistant, from Nov. 1, 1883.

Nomination of a teacher.

Accepted.

### FOR CONFIRMATION.

*Allston District.* — Anna N. Brock, fourth assistant.

*Bigelow District.* — Ann J. Lyon, second assistant,

Confirmation of teachers.

Primary Department; Sarah D. McKissick and Margarette H. Price, fourth assistants.

*Hillside District.* — Louise P. Arnold, second assistant.

*Lawrence District.* — Augustus D. Small, submaster.

*Mt. Vernon District.* — Achsa M. Merrill, first assistant; Fanny M. Stone, third assistant.

*Warren District.* — Mary F. Haire, third assistant.

Accepted.

Mr. Porter, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated the following-named assistants of Evening Elementary Schools: —

Evening-School teachers.

*Lyman School.* — Lillian G. Bates, from October 3 to 30, 1883, inclusive; Herbert L. Smith, from Nov. 5, 1883.

*Minot School.* — Mary E. Maxim, from Oct. 9, 1883.

*Quincy School.* — J. Lillian Colson, from Oct. 11, 1883.

*Wells School.* — Stella M. King, from Nov. 27, 1883.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on Truant Officers, presented the annual report of that committee, as follows: —

Annual Report of the Committee on Truant Officers.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
BOSTON, Nov. 27, 1883.

The Committee on Truant-Officers, in accordance with the Rules, submit their Annual Report.

The city is divided into seventeen truant-districts, one officer having charge of a district. The population of the city, according to the census of 1880, is 362,536, so that we have but one officer to every 21,325 inhabitants. One of the officers is designated "chief,"

and represents the force. In addition to the above there is an officer to whom is assigned the special duty of the care of licensed minors.

The duties of the truant-officers include the enforcement of the laws relating to truants, absentees, neglected children, the employment of children, and the performance of such other duties as the Board may prescribe, through the Regulations or otherwise.

With a view to becoming better acquainted with the individual work of the officers, and to rendering the force as efficient as possible, the committee had a personal interview with each officer, and questioned him with special reference to that part of his duty which appeared to be most difficult and not wholly satisfactory. The results of these conferences well repaid the committee for the arduous task which they soon learned they had undertaken. The detailed information which was received enabled the committee to rearrange the work so as to greatly enhance its value, and make it more easily and satisfactorily performed. By advising the officers, and requiring more detailed reports of their work, it is hoped that many of the difficulties may be overcome, and, by judicious legislation, permanently removed.

There is one evil which, though somewhat reduced by recent amendments to the Regulations, still continues to no small extent, and which needs some vigorous and earnest check. The officers are called upon to look after some children whose absence in no way warrants the detention of the officers from more important work; to inquire into the cause of some past absence; to verify the explanations of the children, and trivial errands of a like character. The legitimate work of the officers, if faithfully performed, is amply sufficient to employ all of their time during the day, and, as was learned by the consultations held, much of their time during the evening. The committee, therefore, under the authority given them by the Rules, have instructed the officers to take action where their services are requested by teachers, in those cases only which are reported to them, with the details properly given, on the truant-cards. An order is also appended to this report requiring teachers to notify the officers of the need of their service by the use of the truant-card.

The work of the force with reference to neglected children has received considerable attention from the committee, and instructions have been given which, we trust, will enable this work to be more satisfactorily performed.

The committee, with several members of the Board, visited the truant-school and other institutions at Deer Island, and were convinced of the necessity and wisdom of providing some other place

for the retention of truants and absentees. At present the children committed to Deer Island are compelled, more or less, to see, hear, and mingle with criminals. Their transportation and commitment are attended by objectionable associations. It is, in the judgment of your committee, unwise and unjust, and of lasting injury to the children, to have their offences classified or connected in any way with the crimes of those who are committed to these institutions. The stigma of having been to Deer Island, associated as it must be with the idea of crime, should be entirely and forever removed from the thoughtless truant, the unaccountable absentee, and the helpless, neglected child. Your committee are so thoroughly satisfied of the imperative demand for a change in this regard that they have appended an order, asking the City Council to provide accommodations in some other locality than Deer Island, and where it is hoped the baneful influence of vice and crime may be removed, as far as is possible, from the children committed to the truant-school. The committee also recommend that an industrial school, properly fitted, be added to the new truant-school, so as to enable the children to receive, in addition to their mental training, some practical knowledge, which will prove of lasting service to them, and prepare them to better pursue some useful and honest occupation after leaving the institution.

The following are the truant statistics for the year ending Aug. 31, 1883: —

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|---|---|
| Number of cases investigated | 20,106 |
| found to be truants | 4,285 |
| of children put into school | 416 |
| complained of as habitual truants | 116 |
| on probation | 86 |
| sentenced to the House of Reformation | 80 |
| complained of as absentees | 31 |
| on probation | 12 |
| sentenced to the House of Reformation | 19 |
| complained of as neglected children | 44 |
| on probation | 14 |
| sentenced to Almshouse school | 30 |
| Whole number of newsboys licensed during the year | 396 |
| Number of licenses returned and cancelled | 32 |
| now in force | 364 |
| Whole number of boot-blacks licensed during the year | 42 |

The committee think it just to the truant-force to state that much of their labor is difficult, and requires a great deal of time, and cannot be written out. It must be known to be appreciated. The present truant-officers are, on the whole, faithful and efficient.

The committee recommend the passage of the accompanying orders.

ALBERT PALMER, *Chairman*,
JOHN B. MORAN,
RUSSELL D. ELLIOTT,
THOMAS F. DOHERTY,
TIMOTHY J. DACEY,
*Committee on Truant-Officers.*

*Ordered*, That, in notifying the truant-officers of the need of their services, the teachers of the public schools shall use the truant-card only, on which the details in each case shall be clearly stated.

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to remove the truant-school from Deer Island to some more suitable location; and that an industrial department be established in connection with the truant-school.

Accepted, and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Mr. Rust, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., NOV. 27, 1883.

Appropriations and Expenditures.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred, including the draft payable Dec. 1st, being eight months' payment of the present financial year.

| Object of Appropriation. | | Appropriation, 1883–84. | December Draft. | Expendit'rs 8 months, 1883–84. | Balance Unexpen'd. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Salaries, Instructors . . . . . | | $1,143 471 | $100,756 07 | $751,556 78 | $331,914 22 |
| Salaries, Officers . . . . . | | 58 940 | 4,901 66 | 39,213 32 | 19,726 68 |
| School Expenses. | Salaries, Janitors . . . | 84 000 | 7,127 54 | 54,737 99 | 29,262 01 |
| | Fuel, Gas, and Water . | 63 000 | 611 59 | 52,447 17 | 10,552 83 |
| | Supplies and Mis. Exp. | 108 650 | 4,193 11 | 75,380 61 | 33,269 39 |
| | | $1,458 061 | $117,589 97 | $973,335 87 | $484,725 13 |

The expenses, as compared with the corresponding eight months of last year, show an increase as follows, viz.: Salaries of Instructors, $14,680.58; Salaries of Officers, $633.01; Salaries of Janitors, $1,115.41; Fuel, Gas, and Water, $6,447.75; Supplies and Miscellaneous Expenses, $1,991.82, — a total increase thus far this year of $24,868.57.

The income from sale of books and materials thus far this year amounts to $41,349.67.

WILLIAM A. RUST,
*Chairman Com. on Accounts.*

Placed on file.

Annual Report of the Committee on Horace Mann School.

Mr. Gaffield, for the Committee on Horace Mann School, presented the annual report of that committee, as follows: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE HORACE MANN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, 1883.

The school opened on September 4, 1882, with seventy-six of the former pupils. Of the eighty-four members who were reported in June of that year two left to work in their homes, one on account of ill-health, one to enter a school for hearing children, and four removed from the vicinity of Boston. During the school year 1882–83 nine new pupils were admitted, one former pupil readmitted; and four were discharged, three of whom left to go to work, and one moved from the city.

The plan of instruction reported last year has been continued, and the progress of the several classes has been satisfactory. A course of science lessons was given during the year, to the pupils of four classes, by Miss Crocker and Miss Ordway.

We are happy to express our appreciation of the kindness of many friends in sending gifts of clothing and money to the school. We are indebted to Prof. and Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell for funds, which have enabled us to provide some industrial training out of school hours for needy pupils. Five boys have received instruction at the School of Mechanic Arts, in the Institute of Technology, three of whom were beneficiaries of Prof. Bell.

A bust of Laura Bridgeman was presented to the school, in April last, by Mrs. Horace Mann, and the gift gratefully acknowledged by the chairman of the committee on the school.

A five-pound note, received from Sir Moses Montefiore, has been applied to the purchase of books, which furnish entertaining and valuable reading for the pupils.

THOMAS GAFFIELD, *Chairman*,
EMILY A. FIFIELD,
HENRY F. NAPHEN,
*Committee.*

Accepted, and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Mr. Flint offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That the teachers of the public schools be authorized to form Bands of Mercy. Bands of Mercy.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The Chair read the following: —

BOSTON, NOV. 27, 1883.

HON. ALBERT PALMER, *President of School Committee*,—

DEAR SIR: — I hereby resign my position as a member of the Committee on Drawing and Music.

Yours respectfully,
THOMAS GAFFIELD.

Resignation of Thomas Gaffield as a member of Committee on Drawing and Music.

Accepted.

The chair appointed Mr. Blake as a member of the Committee on Drawing and Music, in place of Mr. Gaffield, resigned. Appointment on committee.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — October 23 — the report of the Board of Supervisors on the reëstablishment of the grade of Usher in the Grammar Schools, reported that the following orders ought to pass: — Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; reëstablishment of grade of Usher in Grammar Schools.

*Ordered*, That the grade of Usher be reëstablished in the Grammar Schools, and that the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to report suitable amendments to the rules providing for such grade.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Salaries be instructed to report a suitable salary for the position of usher in the Grammar Schools.

Special assignment.

Accepted, and the orders specially assigned for consideration to eight o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; school-hours.

Mr. Porter, for the same committee, who were instructed — November 13 — to consider and report what changes are necessary to make the school-hours conform to the standard "Eastern time," as adopted, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

*Ordered*, That from the first Monday in December, to the fifteenth day of February, the afternoon sessions of the Grammar and Primary Schools begin at a quarter of two and close at a quarter of four o'clock.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the rules were suspended.

Mr. Moran moved to amend the order so that it shall read: —

*Ordered*, That from the first Monday in December to the fifteenth day of February, the morning sessions of the Grammar and Primary Schools begin at a quarter of nine and close at a quarter of twelve o'clock, and the afternoon sessions begin at a quarter of two, and close at a quarter of four o'clock.

Mr. Blake moved to amend Mr. Moran's motion by substituting the following: —

*Ordered*, That on and after December 1, till otherwise ordered, the school-hours shall be from half-past eight to half-past eleven o'clock A.M., and from half-past one to half-past three o'clock P.M.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the whole subject was recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, it was

Use of Grant School-house allowed for a free Cooking School.

*Ordered*, That the room occupied for the purpose of a Cooking School in the Grant Primary School-house last year, by Miss Lucretia P. Hale and other ladies

associated with her, be granted to them for the same uses on and after the first of January, 1884.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1884, be granted to Eliza Brintnall, fourth assistant in the Eliot District.

Leave of absence to Eliza Brintnall.

Mr. Porter presented a petition, signed by Micah Dyer, Jr., and one hundred and ninety-four others, parents of children attending the Dorchester-Everett School, asking that there be but one daily session of that school during the winter months.

Petition for one daily session in the Dorchester-Everett School.

Referred to the Committee on Ninth Division.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

*Ordered*, That the Board of Supervisors be instructed to issue a certificate of service of the fourth grade to Clara L. Harrington, in consideration of previous acceptable service; the certificate to date from Nov. 1, 1883.

Certificate of service to Clara L. Harrington.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That William R. Morse, sub-master in the Quincy District, be placed upon the seventh year of service in his grade, to date from Dec. 1, 1883.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Oct. 9 — an order concerning the salary of M. Rosalia Merrill, fourth assistant in the Dorchester-Everett District, reported that the case of Miss Merrill is provided for by the rules (Sect. 88), which states that any instructor, who, after retirement from the service is reëlected, and has not been out of the service more than three years, may, upon the report of the Committee on

Reports of Committee on Salaries; Salary of M. Rosalia Merrill.

Salaries, be put by the Board upon the advanced salary to which any previous service may entitle the incumbent. The committee reported that the following order ought to pass: —

*Ordered*, That M. Rosalia Merrill, fourth assistant in the Dorchester-Everett District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Sept. 3, 1883, on account of previous service.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 13 — an order concerning the salary of Augustus H. Kelley, submaster in the Chapman District, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Salary of Augustus H. Kelley.

*Ordered*, That Augustus H. Kelley, submaster in the Chapman District, be placed upon the tenth year of service in his grade, to date from Sept. 4, 1883.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salaries of M. L. Bryant and M. L. Bibbey.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 23 — orders that M. Lizzie Bryant, fourth assistant in the Hancock District, and Mary L. Bibbey, fourth assistant in the Phillips District, be placed upon the second year of service in their grade, to date from Oct. 1, 1883, reported that the orders ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Reports of Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — Nov. 13 — an order relative to additional sanitary accommodations in the Dillaway School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Additional sanitary accommodations for Dillaway School.

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide additional sanitary accommodations for the Dillaway School-house, and to provide gates for the two entrances on Kenilworth street.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 13 — an order concerning the fitting up of rooms in the basement of the Latin-School building, where classes can be instructed in the use of simple hand-tools, reported that the committee are in favor of the proposition, under the condition that the rooms shall be cleared every day of all shavings and like inflammable material. The committee recommended the passage of the following order: —

Rooms in basement of Latin-School building to be fitted for instruction in use of simple hand-tools.

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to fit up rooms in the basement of the Latin-School building, where classes from the Grammar Schools can be instructed in the use of simple hand tools during the ensuing school year.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred, with full powers — Oct. 9 — an order for repairs and alterations in the Vine-street School-house, reported that new windows have been made, and new floors are being laid, which was all that was required.

Repairs Vine-street School-house.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned at half-past eight o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
*Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 11, 1883.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the Chair.

Present: all the members, except Messrs. Doherty, Elliott, and Plummer.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATION.

*Latin School.* — William T. Strong, junior-master, Jan. 1, 1884. Resignation of a teacher.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

*Dudley District.* — Edward C. Burbeck, sub-master, from Sept. 5 to 7, 1883, inclusive; Lucy G. M. Card, third assistant, from Sept. 3 to 14, 1883, inclusive. Temporary teachers.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

*Mather District.* — Charlotte L. Voigt, third assistant, from Sept. 3, 1883. Nomination of a teacher.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

*Latin School.* — Grenville C. Emery, junior-master.

*Brighton High School.* — Lucy G. Peabody, assistant.

*East Boston High School.* — Sarah Shaw and Emily J. Tucker, assistants.

*Dorchester-Everett District.* — Susie C. Hosmer, fourth assistant.

*Harris District.* — Alice M. Murphy, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

Evening-School teachers.

Mr. Porter, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, reported the following-named assistants of the Evening High School: —

Carl Jonsen, from Oct. 1; Joseph R. Smith and Isaac E. Pearl, from Oct. 10; William M. Stockbridge, from Oct. 15; Robert P. Clapp, from Oct. 16; Warren H. Lamson and Alvin R. Dunton, from Nov. 5; Arthur H. Solial, from Nov. 19.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Mr. Porter, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Rank of principal of Charlestown High School.

*Ordered*, That the rank of Caleb Emery, principal of the Charlestown High School, be that of head-master from Jan. 1, 1884; the school having the necessary number of pupils in accordance with Sect. 226 of the Regulations.

Passed.

Report of Committee on the Ninth Division; petition for one session in Dorchester-Everett School.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, to whom was referred — Nov. 27 — a petition signed by Micah Dyer, Jr., and others, asking that there be but one daily session of the Dorchester-Everett School during

the winter months, reported that they have heard the petitioners, and have considered the subject, and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; forming of Bands of Mercy in the schools.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Nov. 27 — an order concerning the forming of Bands of Mercy by the teachers, reported that the committee had given a hearing to those interested in this matter, and after a considerable discussion decided to report an order allowing the organization of such associations, under the limitations prescribed in the order, and with the further purpose of asking that the order be considered by the Committee on Examinations, to see whether such organizations would in any way conflict or interfere with the order of studies, or with the Rules as now existing: —

*Ordered*, That any teacher wishing to form a "Band of Mercy" in his or her school may do so, provided that no money shall be required, and no time taken which will interfere with the regular studies.

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; school-hours.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 28 — the subject of the change in school-hours, reported that it is the opinion of this committee that in certain localities it may be advisable to change the hours during certain months; they, therefore, recommend the passage of the following order: —

*Ordered*, That the several Division Committees be authorized to change the hours of the sessions of the Grammar and Primary Schools, during the months of December and January, in those districts where there may be exceptional reasons for so doing.

Accepted, and the order laid on the table.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Vacation in Evening Schools.

*Ordered*, That for the present term the Evening Schools of the city close on the evening of Dec. 21, and re-open on the evening of Jan. 2; in place of the vacation as provided for in the Regulations.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Schools suspended.

*Ordered*, That there be no sessions of the public schools on Monday, Dec. 24.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Adjournment.

*Ordered*, That when the Board adjourns it be to meet on Wednesday evening, Dec. 26, at half-past seven o'clock.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Leave of absence to Mary J. Leahy.

Agnes M. Cochran, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1884, be granted to Mary J. Leahy, fourth assistant in the Phillips District; and that Agnes M. Cochran be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Adeline F. Cutter.

Luther B. Pillsbury, substitute.

*Ordered*, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1884, be granted to Adeline F. Cutter, second assistant in the Phillips District; and that Luther B. Pillsbury be approved as her substitute.

Report of Committee on Drawing and Music.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the orders appended to the report of the Committee on Drawing and Music [Doc. 20] were considered: —

1. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to fit up an additional room in the Latin-School building for the accommodation of the Free Evening Drawing School.

2. *Ordered*, That an additional instructor of music be appointed at the next election.

3. *Ordered*, That the Revised Fourth Music Reader be substituted for the Music Reader now in use in the upper classes of the Grammar Schools, as books are needed.

4. *Ordered*, That Section 232 of the Rules and Regulations be so amended as to allow one hour and a half per week for musical instruction and practice.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the following was substituted for the first order: —

*Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to fit up a room in the basement of the Latin School building for the Free Evening Drawing School modelling class, under the direction of the Committee in Drawing and Music.

Room for modelling class, Evening Drawing School, in Latin school-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the following was substituted for the second order: —

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to include the salary of an additional teacher of music, in their estimate of expenses for the ensuing year.

Additional instructor of music.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the third order was referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the fourth order was referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Mr. Hobbs presented a petition, signed by E. E. Bass, and two hundred and sixty-six others, asking that there be but one daily session of the Rice School.

Petition for one daily session of the Rice School.

Referred to the Committee on the Normal School.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Salary of Clara E. Webster.

*Ordered*, That Clara E. Webster, assistant in the Girls' High School, be placed upon the seventh year of service in her grade, to date from Jan. 1, 1884.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Special assignment; reëstablishment of grade of Usher in Grammar Schools.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the special assignment, namely, the orders appended to the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on the reëstablishment of the grade of Usher in the Grammar Schools, was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the subject was specially assigned for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Naphen, the Board adjourned at eight o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
*Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 26, 1883.

A regular and an adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Doherty, Elliott, and Naphen.

On motion of Mr. Dacey, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

*Dillaway District.* — Emma F. Briggs, third assistant, Dec. 11, 1883. Resignation of teachers.

*Lewis District.* — Mary D. Chamberlain, third assistant, and Jeanie P. White, fourth assistant, Dec. 31, 1883.

*Mather District.* — Mary C. Turner, fourth assistant, Dec. 31, 1883.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

*Adams District.* — Clara A. Brown, third assistant, from Sept. 10 to 17, 1883. Temporary teachers.

*Dudley District.* — Augustine L. Rafter, submaster, from Nov. 12 to Dec. 21, 1883, inclusive.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

*Dudley District.* — Augustine L. Rafter, sub-master, from Jan. 2, 1884.

*Hancock District.* — Lucy M. A. Moore, third assistant, from Jan. 2, 1884.

*Lewis District.* — Harriet J. F. Folsom, third assistant, second year, from Jan. 2, 1884; Anna A. Groll, fourth assistant, from Jan. 2, 1884.

*Mather District.* — Elizabeth Donaldson, fourth assistant, from Jan. 2, 1884.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

*Bowdoin District.* — Sarah E. Brown, fourth assistant.

*Dudley District.* — Charlotte Kendrick, third assistant.

*Emerson District.* — Henry B. Hall, third assistant.

*George Putnam District.* — Amoritta E. Esilman, and Martha W. Hanley, third assistants.

*Lewis District.* — Jeanie P. White, fourth assistant.

*Mather District.* — Loea P. Howard, sub-master; E. Isabelle Bense, fourth assistant.

*Winthrop District.* — Elizabeth A. Withey, third assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

*Hancock District.* — Olive M. E. Rowe, third assistant to the same position in the Dillaway District, the transfer to date from Jan. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

Nomination of teacher of Evening High School.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the nomination of Warren H. Lamson, assistant in the Evening High School, to date from Oct. 24, 1883.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Mr. Gaffield presented a petition for the use of the first floor of the Wells School-house by the graduates of the Phillips School for a reunion on the evening of Jan. 15, 1884.

Use of Wells School-house for re-union of graduates of the Phillips School.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the petition was granted.

Mr. Moran presented a petition signed by Mrs. J. K. Dickson, and one hundred and sixty-seven others, parents of pupils of the Hillside School, asking that there be but one daily session in that school, from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Petition for one daily session in the Hillside School.

Referred to the Committee on the Eighth Division.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, offered the following: —

*Ordered*, That Gage's Physics be authorized for use in the Boys' Latin School.

Text-book in Physics.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Rust, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

Appropriations and expenditures.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS,
MASON ST., Dec. 26, 1883.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations, as made by the City Council, for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred, including the draft payable Jan. 1, '84, — being nine months' payments of the present financial year.

| Object of Appropriation. | Appropriation, 1883–84. | January Draft. | Expenditures, 9 months. 1883–84. | Balance Unexpended. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Salaries, instructors | $1,143,471 | $100,293 86 | $851,850 64 | $291,620 36 |
| Salaries, officers . . | 58,940 | 4,901 68 | 44,115 00 | 14,825 00 |
| School expenses. Salaries, janitors | 84,000 | 7,081 00 | 61,818 99 | 22,181 01 |
| School expenses. Fuel, gas, water | 63,000 | 558 21 | 53,005 38 | 9,994 62 |
| School expenses. Supplies & miscellaneous expenses . . . | 108,650 | 4,873 54 | 80,254 15 | 28,395 85 |
| Totals . . . . . | $1,458,061 | $117,708 29 | $1,091,044 16 | $367,016 84 |

The expenses for the corresponding nine months of last year were as follows, viz.: Salaries of instructors, $835,184.15; salaries of officers, $43,066.99; salaries of janitors, $60,533.31; fuel, gas, and water, $47,041.72; supplies and miscellaneous expenses, $75,890.36, making a total of $1,061,716.53.

WILLIAM A. RUST,
*Chairman Committee on Accounts.*

Placed on file.

Report of the Committee on the Normal School; one daily session in Rice District.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Normal Schools, to whom was referred — Dec. 11 — the petition of Mrs. E. E. Bass, and others, for one daily session in the Rice School District, reported that they gave a hearing to the parties interested, and considered the reasons urged therefor, and are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to legislate and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of William R. Morse.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Nov. 27 — an order that William R. Morse, sub-master in the Quincy District, be placed upon the seventh year of service in this grade, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School-house; room for modelling class in Latin School-building.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-Houses, to whom was referred, with full powers — Dec. 11 — an order concerning the fitting up of a room in the basement of the Latin School-building, for the use of a modelling class of the Evening Drawing School, reported that the order had been approved by that committee, and forwarded to the City Council.

Accepted.

Unfinished business referred.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

*Ordered*, That all unfinished business at the close of this meeting be referred to the next School Board.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported the following nominations of teachers of Evening Drawing Schools, term of service beginning Dec. 17, 1883.

Nomination of teachers in Evening Drawing Schools.

*Head Assistant.* — Robert Vonnoh.

*Assistants.* — Earl B. Ferson, Anson K. Cross.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Mr. Flint offered the following: —

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Board be presented to the Hon. Albert Palmer, the President of the Board, for the able, dignified, and courteous manner in which he has presided over its deliberations during the past year, and for the personal interest he has always manifested for the welfare of the public schools.

Vote of thanks to Hon. Albert Palmer, President of the School Committee.

Passed unanimously.

The President responded in a brief and courteous address.

Mr. Gallagher offered the following: —

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Board be presented to Mr. George M. Hobbs, for the able and impartial manner in which he has performed the duties of Vice-President of the Board for the past year.

Vote of thanks to Vice-President George M. Hobbs.

Passed unanimously.

The Vice-President courteously responded.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the Board adjourned at ten minutes before eight o'clock, *sine die*.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
*Secretary.*

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